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Lasell 150 Ends on Triumphant Note

LASELL'S FIRST MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN RAISES MORE THAN \$18 MILLION

LASELL COLLEGE HAS ANNOUNCED THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ITS first multi-million-dollar capital campaign, "Lasell 150, a Campaign to Celebrate Lasell's Sesquicentennial."

The Campaign, which was launched in 1996 with an original goal of raising \$10 million by June 30, 2001, has achieved a campaign total of \$18,027,752 — more than 80 percent above the original goal.

"We are electrified by the enthusiastic response and participation of friends and alumni of the College, who have made Lasell's first major multi-million-dollar capital campaign surpass our wildest dreams," said Lasell College President, Thomas E.J. de Witt.

"The phenomenal success of "Lasell 150, a Campaign to Celebrate Lasell's Sesquicentennial," is due to generous gifts from hundreds of alumni and friends, corporations and foundations. One-hundred-percent of Lasell's senior administration and the College's board of trustees contributed to the campaign, ensuring Lasell's place as a viable institution of higher education in the 21st century," Dr. de Witt explained.

WHAT A PARTY!

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"A prestigious Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant of \$400,000, received in March 2000 by the College in support of the renovation and restoration of the venerable Winslow Hall into the high-tech Winslow Academic Center — the new academic hub of the College — served as the capstone initiative of Lasell's Capital Campaign," he continued.

Under the terms of the grant, Lasell College was required to raise \$1.5 million by July 1, 2001 in

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Technology Takes Front Row Seat

COLLEGE RECEIVES \$125,000 DAVIS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT FOR TECHNOLOGY LEARNING CENTER

LASELL COLLEGE HAS RECEIVED A \$125,000 GRANT FROM THE DAVIS Educational Foundation to help fund the new RoseMary B. Fuss Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) for Faculty.

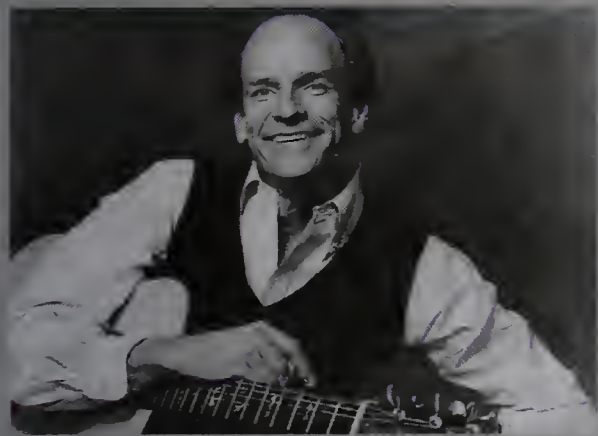
"We are delighted to have gained the support of the Davis Educational Foundation for our new faculty center," said Lasell President Thomas E.J. de Witt. "The TLC will provide space and resources to help our faculty learn about how to integrate technology into the new 'smart' classrooms in the Winslow Academic Center."

With its distinctive steel and glass atrium, and its brick courtyard, Winslow welcomes faculty and students with its array of state-of-the-art computer technology. Included in the wired and wireless zoned building (see Wireless story, page 12) are video conferencing, LCD projectors and screens, scanners, laser printers, and "smart boards" that allow an instructor to instantly convert notes written on the classroom whiteboard into a digital document ready for students to download from the College's network.

Lasell's TLC will provide resources for faculty to explore how to actively weave technology and media into the teaching experience. Here they will learn how to create and use Web sites and access online information resources to enhance course materials. They will attend formal training classes and seminars to expand their aptitude for bringing the vast resources of the new technology into the Lasell classroom, enhancing learning and teaching by engaging both students and faculty in real-time, dynamic, interactive education.

A collaborative endeavor involving Academic Computing, Information Technology, and Brennan Library, the Teaching and Learning Center is located in the lower level of the Library.

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Singer, songwriter and musician Livingston Taylor will be performing with the New Philharmonia Orchestra at "Lasell Night at the Pops," Reunion Weekend/Commencement Weekend May 17-19, 2002. (See page 25 of the *Class Notes* section for more details.)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Together We Have Made This Unique Institution Strong

I HAVE NEVER FELT AS PROUD TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF LASELL COLLEGE AS DURING our four-day sesquicentennial extravaganza in May. To participate in a celebration of such a significant milestone in the 150-year history of this venerable institution was extraordinary.

Five nationally-known speakers graced our campus during that memorable week of May 17-20, including the Honorable Ann Richards, the former governor of Texas, who gave an exceptional commencement address to the graduating class. More than 500 alumni returned to campus, some for the first time since they graduated from Lasell. We also saw members of the Classes of 1929, 1930 and 1931 who attended what was then the Auburndale Seminary for Women. Even they were impressed with how beautiful and vibrant the campus is today — although seeing the male students was a bit of a change for some of them!

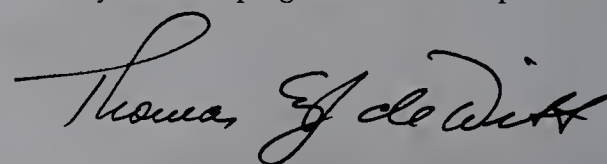
One of the most exciting events, at the Newton Marriott, was the celebration of the successful conclusion of Lasell's first multi-million-dollar capital campaign. When we launched "Lasell 150: A Campaign to Celebrate Lasell's Sesquicentennial" in 1996, we wondered how it would ever be possible to raise \$10 million. And

five years later, we ended the campaign having raised more than \$18 million.

We came to many of you and asked you to make Lasell your philanthropic priority during the course of the campaign — and many of you did just that. Even the Annual Fund saw its tenth consecutive record-breaking year! As a result, we were able to create new and strengthen existing academic programs, establish the College's first academic chair while making salaries more competitive for faculty, continue to invest in our physical plant, including the high-tech renovation of the Winslow Academic Center, provide additional and desperately needed scholarship money for students, and make our campus the envy of many of our competitors with a greater commitment to state-of-the-art technology.

To paraphrase the old saying, "an artist's work is never done." But neither is an educator's. We continue to build on what is now a solid foun-

dation. With one of the highest enrollments in Lasell's history this fall, we struggle to meet the growing demand of students for housing, residential life and expanding academic programs. Therefore, we need to continue to count on all of you who have been so generous in Lasell's recent past. Lasell has been blessed with dedicated alumni volunteers and donors, as well as an exceptionally talented and committed faculty and staff. Working together, we have a promising future. Thank you for helping Lasell reach its potential.



Thomas E.J. de Witt, Ph.D.

Former Board Chairman Richard S. Holway Receives Lasell Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

RICHARD S. HOLWAY, RETIRED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF Loomis, Sayles & Company, one of the oldest and largest investment management firms in America, was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Lasell College on Sunday, May 20th.

President de Witt and Chairman of the Board Carol Cacciamani, presented Mr. Holway, the College's former Board chairman, with the honorary degree at the sesquicentennial commencement celebration. Richard Holway was elected to the Lasell Board of Trustees in 1984. He was Treasurer from 1985 to 1991, and served as Chairman of the Board from 1992 to 1997.

The honorary degree citation reads: "In your two decades of service to Lasell College, during which you have acted in every senior capacity on the Board, including chairman, you have helped inspire and shape the dream of a new Lasell. Ever mindful and appreciative of Lasell's rich heritage and history, you have applied your keen business acumen to ensuring a bright future for the College, by maneuvering it toward revitalization and a dramatic transformation. Your wise counsel and confident leadership have made possible the attainment of this institution's bold aspirations. With deep gratitude for your unwavering com-

mitment to Lasell, and for your enormous contributions as the College's *éminence grise*, the Board of Trustees of Lasell College gratefully confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto."

Richard Holway and his wife Jeannine have a long history of active participation in and philanthropy to Lasell. In 1997, Lasell acknowledged the couple's support and generosity to the College, and the memory of one of Lasell's early alumnae, with the naming of the Ella Ellis Holway Child Study Centers. Mrs. Holway was Richard Holway's grandmother, who attended Lasell in 1881.

The Holway Child Study Centers at Lasell College — composed of the Rockwell Nursery School program and The Barn's infant, toddler, and preschool full-day program — are located on the campus of Lasell College, and have been serving families in the Newton and surrounding communi-



Board Chairman Carol Cacciamani and President de Witt award former Lasell Board Chairman Richard Holway an honorary degree.

ties for more than 40 years. The Holway Child Study Centers, which serve as laboratory schools for Lasell's Early Childhood and Elementary Education program, are among only ten percent of early childhood programs nationwide that are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Mr. Holway is a graduate of Wesleyan University and earned his M.B.A. from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College. He has been active in a number of businesses, professional and community organizations, including the Boston Security Analysts Federation, the Financial Analysts Federation, and he also served as a trustee of the Newton Wellesley Hospital. ▀

They Had a Ball!

QUOTES FROM ALUMNI LETTERS

"The 150th anniversary of Lasell was fabulous! Even the weather cooperated! It was elegant, down to the smallest detail!"

~ Faye Wadhams Smith '38

"I was so glad to be there to see the celebration of the past, present, and so promising future of Lasell."

~ Celia Kinsley Percival '34

"Congratulations on a most successful Sesquicentennial Celebration. The entire four days were exciting, wonderful and fun. I was fortunate to meet and make several new friends. It was a memorable occasion."

~ Terry Bergeron Hoyt '45

"I am so proud to be honored with a degree from Lasell!"

~ Bonnie St. John Deane
(convocation speaker,
May 18, 2001)

"Are you still breathing? What a weekend! What a marvelous tribute and party."

~ Emily Hubbel Weiss '36

"Many, many thanks for everything. My darling son Douglas also had a wonderful time. I was so afraid he might be bored — but no way! He thinks the College is just great. I have such interesting memories."

~ Peggy Boyd Greene '30

DE WITT HALL DEDICATION



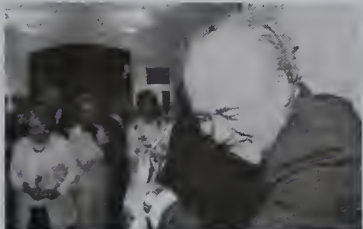
Joan Weiler Arnow '49 and her husband Bob surprise President de Witt by naming the former Winslow Auditorium de Witt Hall.

"My own high note during the Sesquicentennial celebration was the surprise naming of de Witt Hall in the Winslow Academic Center in my honor by Joan and Bob Arnow. (I thought we were naming the hall in honor of Joan!) My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your gifts of time, talent, and resources to this venerable institution."

~ Thomas E.J. de Witt, President



Making it official, President de Witt proudly unveils the lettering above de Witt hall.



President de Witt shows his deep appreciation to Bob Arnow.

WILLIAMSON DEDICATION



President de Witt, his wife, Margaret Ward (l), and the Arnows.



President de Witt toasts Lynn Blodgett Williamson '46 at the dedication of the Williamson Living Room in Carpenter House, her former residence while a student at Lasell College.

GREENE DEDICATION



Marguerite Boyd Greene '30 and her son Doug Greene share a hearty laugh at the dedication ceremony of the Gardner House Alcove. Doug surprised his mother by naming this space in honor of her 90th birthday.

"Dear Dr. de Witt: I'm still on Cloud Nine! Thank you for the most wonderful weekend I think I have ever had. The dedication ceremony was so nice ... never in my life have I had a standing ovation. What a thrill. Almost makes it worthwhile being 90!"

~ Peggy Greene '30

COLLIER DEDICATION



President de Witt and Elizabeth Gorton Collier '43 unveil the plaque designating the Collier Classroom in Wass Hall.

"Dear Tom ... You have done a marvelous job of raising the prestige of Lasell. And soon there will be some master's degree programs! Congratulations!"

~ Betty Gorton Collier '43

Winslow Academic Center Dedications



Susan Higgins Conrad '81 (l) and her sister, Marielle Forté, proudly stand next to the plaque identifying the Archives Display Case, named in honor of their late mother, Louise "Tap" Tardivel Higgins '37, former chair of the Board of Trustees.



Chair of the Board of Trustees Carol Cacciamani '65 welcomes alumni and friends to the official opening of the Winslow Academic Center.



The late P. Lynn Kiefer Holt '61 (3rd from right) is all smiles at the dedication of the Holt Classroom on the second floor of the Winslow Academic Center.



Campaign Co-Chairs Joan Howe Weber '51 (l) and Peggy Schwingel Kraft '56 proudly unveil the Campaign Leadership Plaque, honoring generous alumni and friends who supported the Lasell 150 Campaign.



Co-Chair of the Lasell 150 Campaign Peggy Schwingel Kraft '56 shares a laugh with President de Witt before proceeding to the dedication of the Kraft Classroom in the Winslow Academic Center.



Generous donors of the lower level spaces in the Winslow Academic Center (l to r): Joanna Winslow '01, Martha Winslow, Eileen Winslow, Paul Winslow, Priscilla Winslow '35, Russ Winslow, Charlotte Winslow, George Putnam, Don Winslow, Arlene Wishart Sylvester '38, Nancy Burrows Putnam '50, President de Witt, Carolyn Wood Brox '59, Charles Brox, Barbara Berkman Sherman '42, and Freda Alexander '48.

PUTNAM DEDICATION



Nancy Burrows Putnam '50 and her husband George at the dedication of the Putnam Faculty Center, located in the lower level of the Winslow Academic Center.

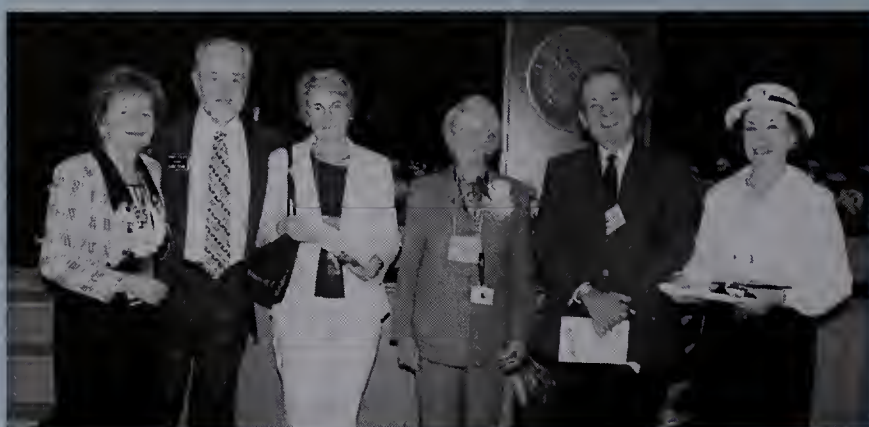


Don and Charlotte Winslow and their family gather to celebrate the dedication of the Winslow Family Faculty Common area.

OTHER LASELL 150 PHOTOS



Campaign Endowment donors from Reunion Classes (l to r): Lela Graham Moses '61, P. Lynn Kiefer Holt '61, Peggy Schwingel Kraft '56, Joan Howe Weber '51, Dwight Massey, Jo-Ann Vojir Massey '51, Adelaide Shaffer Van Winkle '36, Gerry Weiss, Emily Hubbel Weiss '36.



President de Witt and Lynn Blodgett Williamson '46 welcome new Heritage Society members (l to r): Joy Stewart Rice '55, Marguerite Boyd Greene '30, and Dwight and Jo-Ann Vojir Massey '51.

What a Party!

LASELL SESQUICENTENNIAL IS MARKED BY FOUR-DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

FROM MAY 17 THROUGH 20TH, LASELL COLLEGE CELEBRATED ITS 150TH BIRTHDAY.

The series of events included a host of donor dedications, Reunion with the class of 1951 celebrating its 50th anniversary, a black-tie gala dinner at the Newton Marriott, the pageantry of the College's 147th commencement, and a Boston Pops-style concert on Taylor Field by the New Philharmonia Orchestra.

Former Texas Governor Ann Richards gave a memorable commencement speech on the 20th,

with other notables, including author Robert B. Parker, humorist and stress management guru Loretta LaRoche, AOL Interactive President Ted Leonsis, and Olympic medallist Bonnie St. John Deane serving as convocation speakers for the College's three schools and for Lasell Village, the unique, continuing care retirement community with a built-in educational requirement.

Sesquicentennial Civility Symposium Draws Record Attendance

WHAT'S A SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AT A COLLEGE WITHOUT AN academic component? At Lasell, on April 27, 2001, Professor Joe Aieta, Humanities, and Arnow Professor Sylvia MacPhee, Sociology, participated in a symposium on civility that was a precursor to the 150 celebration. Associate Professor Stephen Sarikas, Science, chaired the event.

Professor Aieta's paper was titled "Have We Lost Sight of the Value of Persons in Themselves? Might That Be Why We Don't Give A #*?! About Them? A Philosophical and Slightly Historical Speculative Musing." In it, he explored ethical questions about what might constitute a person and why there is need to respect persons. He then turned his attention from applications of theory to



Professor Joseph Aieta speaks to a full house at the Civility Symposium.

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SENATOR JOHN F. KERRY, HONORS LASELL COLLEGE'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY WITH CITATION TO 107TH CONGRESS

SENATOR JOHN F. KERRY ISSUED a citation to the 107th Congress, recognizing the 150th anniversary of Lasell College, which was celebrated from May 17-20, 2001.

"The College outgrew its mantle as the nation's oldest two-year college for women in 1988, when it became a four-year baccalaureate degree-granting institution, and expanded again in 1998 by admitting men. Under President Thomas E.J. de Witt's leadership, these changes ushered in a new age of expansion and invention for Lasell College. The College has improved and expanded its facilities and invested in technology; those institutional advances are reflected in outstanding support from alumni and friends," Senator Kerry's citation says.

The citation lauded the fact that "the College is also the first to develop an education-based continuing care retirement community (CCRC) on its campus." Lasell Village was built on a 13-acre site on the College's campus, and officially opened in October 2000. The Village employs the first full-time academic dean of a CCRC in the country. It has also become the headquarters of the Lasell Institute for Learning in Retirement, which offers continued learning opportunities for retirement-age adults in the greater Boston community. ♣

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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order to meet the challenge. "That goal was met eight months ahead of schedule. Additionally, Lasell's campaign has fully funded the \$3.5 million Winslow renovation and restoration project," said Ruth Shuman, dean for institutional advancement. "The Kresge imprimatur raised Lasell's fundraising effort to a new level, spurring support for the institution's ambitious goals as it continues its mission to educate students for competent personal and professional lives," she said.

"The overwhelming success of this campaign demonstrates the widespread and enthusiastic support for the College among its constituencies," said President de Witt.

In addition to being the first multi-million-dollar campaign for the 150-year-old College, which celebrated its sesquicentennial with a four-day extravaganza, May 17-20, the campaign also yielded the first million-dollar gift from a living donor in Lasell's history. The gift endowed Lasell College's first academic chair. ♣

LASELL 150 CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

Campaign highlights within each of its strategic objectives include:

Faculty Support and Development: Lasell received its first million-dollar gift from a living donor to establish its first endowed faculty chair. In addition, two faculty development funds were established.

Student Financial Aid: Campaign donors created 13 new endowed scholarship funds.

Program Support: An Institute for Values and Public Life was funded to examine policies related to civility and to help provide Lasell's female students with a continued strong voice at the College during its transition to a coeducational mission in 1998.

Physical Plant Improvements: In addition to the complete renovation of the old gymnasium into the state-of-the-art Winslow Academic Center, Campaign donors provided for the creation of a second athletic field; the complete redesign of the Edwards Student Center; and the renovation of classrooms and laboratories throughout the campus. The newly renovated assembly hall in Winslow was named for President de Witt in a sur-

prise dedication in May 2001 during the ribbon cutting for the Academic Center.

Media Resources and Technology: Lasell 150 saw the inauguration of the Brennan Library Society for Benefactors, Patrons, and Friends, which created an endowment solely for the Library. Major technology upgrades were accomplished throughout campus, made possible through several large foundation grants and a challenge for technology met through gifts from alumni and friends.

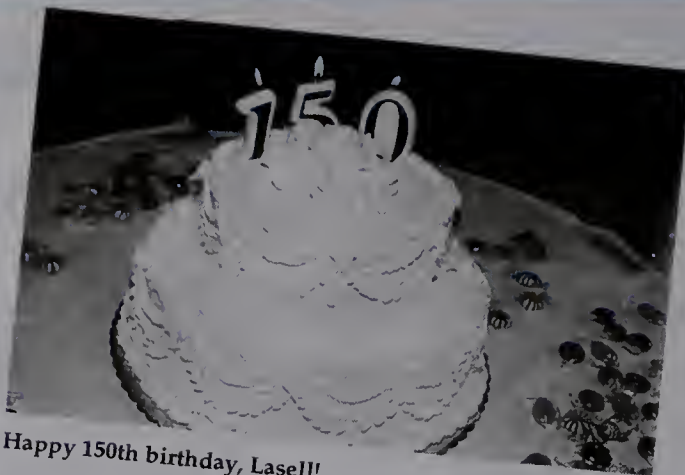
Unrestricted Endowment: Lasell's new charitable trust program was developed and received almost \$1 million in gifts, most of which will ultimately augment Lasell's endowment.

The Annual Fund: A great success story! In addition to the generosity of alumni and friends to capital and endowment projects, the Annual Fund for the first time hit and subsequently exceeded the half-million dollar per year mark during the Campaign. The Lasell College Annual Fund has achieved record-breaking results in each of the last 10 years.

ALL ALUMNI SESQUICENTENNIAL/REUNION WEEKEND 2001



The 50th reunion class, 1951, was applauded for having the most members in attendance.



Happy 150th birthday, Lasell!



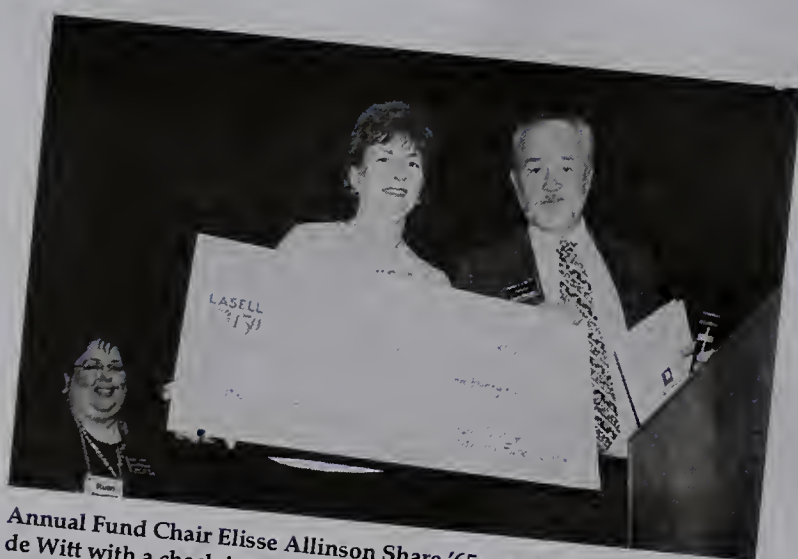
Lela Graham Moses '61 and Nancy Curtis Grellier '49, co-chairs of the Sesquicentennial Outreach Committee

"I would encourage other alumni to attend Reunion Weekend because it's great fun to see each other — one and all — and to see how Lasell has grown and yet, has remained the same."

Barbara Caron MacLean '66



A record crowd came to hear former Texas Governor Ann Richards speak at the commencement ceremony.



Annual Fund Chair Elisse Allinson Share '65, presents President de Witt with a check in the amount of \$104,538 for Reunion 2001 giving.



Bibs were needed for the New England lobster bake.



Crew team members in canoe for a "dry land practice."

ALL ALUMNI SESQUICENTENNIAL/REUNION WEEKEND 2001



We welcome the new graduates to the Lasell Alumni Association.



Guests enjoy the student fashion show at the Gala Celebration Dinner.



The parade offered the opportunity to intermingle the classes.



Former members of the Orphean Singers, Lamplighters and Glee Club accompanied the New Philharmonia Orchestra with a medley of songs during the "Pops-style" concert under the big tent.



Loretta LaRoche, convocation speaker at Lasell Village, was the inspiration for the comical glasses.

CLASS OF 1951



Front row, 1 to r: Barbara Keyes MacKinnon, Edith Taccone Kearney, Joan Kearney Cormay, Doris Stewart Sutton, Patricia Walsh Barry, Barbara Ferns Becker, Marie Arnold Wilson, Elizabeth Trisko Battis, Nancy Topping Heely, Beverly Pink Reynolds, Pat Raeder Crone, Joanne Monahan Garrity. Second row, 1 to r: Kathrine Aslanian Sivazlian, Kathleen Ballard Heck, Charlotte Kelley Campbell, Shirley Hannafin Adams, Barbara Jankowski Rusch, Nancy Roetting Clifford, Jo-Ann Vojir Massey, Mary Jane White Miller, Priscilla Freeman McCartney, Bonnie Reis Doe. Third row, 1 to r: Claudette Razook Awad, Marjorie Cushing Gershaw, Libbie Fleet Glazer, Mary Jane Clark Maurici, Elizabeth Baumbach Hyne, Janet Wyman Meade, Beverly Broughton Shepard, Alice Kiehl Stover, Pat Suellau Jordan, Catherine Fouhy, Carol Bancroft. Back row, 1 to r: Anna Stevenson Mangano, Lois Hutchinson Woodward, Jan Wolf Tarrant, Ann Van der Veer Bradley, Harriet Schwarz Ryan, Barbara Schoppy Talarico, Joan Howe Weber, Alice Pittenger, M. Elaine Quavillon Tull, Linda Heather Venezia.

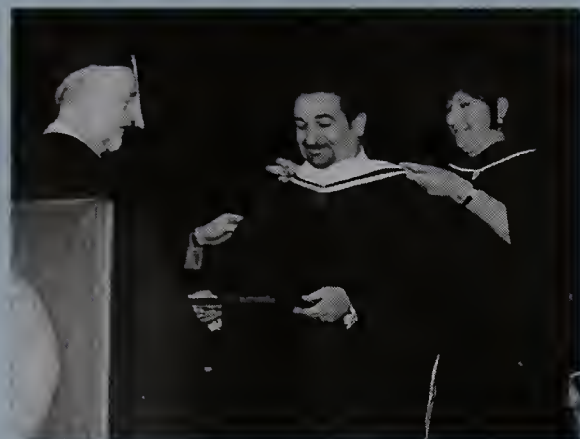
Our thanks to Joanne Monahan Garrity for doing a great job as a reunion liaison for the 50th Reunion!



With spirits as high as the balloons they carry, the Institutional Advancement crew delivers decorations.

AOL's Ted Leonsis Urges Graduates to Find the Joy of the Journey

TED LEONSIS, PRESIDENT OF AOL Interactive Properties Group, is considered a founding father of the new media industry and one of the Internet industry's foremost leaders and visionaries.



Ted Leonsis, President of AOL Interactive Properties Group, receives an honorary degree from President de Witt and Board Chairman Carol Cacciamani.

As he told the students at the School of Business & Information Technology Convocation, Friday, May 18, he didn't get from there to here without some serious soul searching and a very positive attitude.

"America is a great country with unlimited opportunities," he told the convocation audience in de Witt Hall.

Leonsis was the first one in his family to graduate from college. He was the son of a Greek immigrant who told the young Leonsis that "education is the key to success in life." And with a starting salary of \$10,000 per year, he entered an economy of 20% interest rates and rationed gas. An optimist who has "found joy in the journey," he shared his "10 steps to success" with the audience.

When Leonsis was in his twenties, he was in a near fatal plane crash and he vowed that if he came out of the situation alive, he would reassess his life's route and make a list of 101 things he wanted to accomplish before his death. "The personal metrics of success are the roadmap to self-actualization," he explained, "and as you check something off the list there's a feeling of accomplishment." So far Leonsis is at number 70 on his list of 101 things to accomplish!

In conclusion, Leonsis said, "Your latest chapter has been written and your job is only the next chapter in your life's work. Your life will be a long novel, a body of work. Make me proud!"

Lasell Commencement 2001

Sunday, May 20, 2001

FORMER TEXAS GOVERNOR ANN RICHARDS GIVES 118 GRADUATES AT COMMENCEMENT WITTY WORDS OF WISDOM AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE

"I REMEMBER MY GRADUATION SPEAKER," FORMER GOVERNOR ANN Richards told the more than 1600 people gathered at the sesquicentennial commencement of Lasell College. "I don't remember his name of course. I only remember that I could not wait until he was finished. I just wanted to take the paper and get a ride to the party."



Former Texas Governor Ann Richards addresses a rapt graduation audience.

No one at the Lasell College commencement on Sunday, May 20th, on Taylor Field, is likely to forget her name, however, or the sage advice Governor Richards offered to the 118 graduates of the class of 2001.

In a memorable commencement speech delivered in her easy Texas drawl, Governor Richards was witty, wise, and heartfelt as she offered valuable advice for the future to her rapt audience of students, family and friends. "I don't know if God is listening, but I hear your prayers for brevity," she told the audience, before offering up a vivid verbal roadmap to a fulfilling life.

"Your family and I want you to believe that your life is going to be wonderful," she said. "That's part of our job description as parents and grandparents. We're so proud of you today and we want you to have everything you want and then we want you to have even more. But the truth is that living is a complicated business and few of us are fortunate enough to get the things we want

when we want them. Profound disappointments, frustrations, sorrow — they're all a part of the existence inside a human skin. So on behalf of your family and this institution, I want to tell you that if you look up in 10 years and find that you have not made your first million, or bought your first mansion, or married the smartest and best looking thing in your crowd; if you have not produced the required 1.8 grandchildren — a girl and at least eight-tenths of a boy — or gotten them into the best schools, balanced your family and career, saved the world in your spare time; if you have not done all of that, or any of those things, you are not a failure and we will still love you."

Governor Richards urged her audience to "tend to your home, listen to your heart, nurture your mind, have the courage to trust yourself and like yourself. My wish is that you live into being a unique person and find that person that is truly you and that you defy the haunting restrictions of self-doubt."

Wryly, she advised graduates to "never turn down a new experience unless you know it is seriously illegal or life threatening. There's always a

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BONNIE ST. JOHN DEANE — GOING FOR THE GOLD

AS BONNIE ST. JOHN DEANE LIKES TO SAY:

"People fall down. Winners get up.
...Gold medal winners get up the fastest."

It is the credo by which Bonnie St. John Deane likes to live. The motivational speaker, executive coach, author and the president of SJD&Co., who thrives on challenge, shared her sometimes difficult life experiences with her audience at the School of Allied Health Convocation, Friday, May 18, in a moving convocation address.

From a family of modest means, Bonnie St. John Deane became an amputee at age five. Against tremendous odds, she used imagination and determination to push past the limitations of disability and became a silver medallist in downhill skiing at the 1984 winter Paralympics in Innsbruck, Austria. Her inspiring message of hope and courage to her audience at the Lasell convocation was infused with real-world wisdom about persevering — and triumphing — in every aspect of one's life.

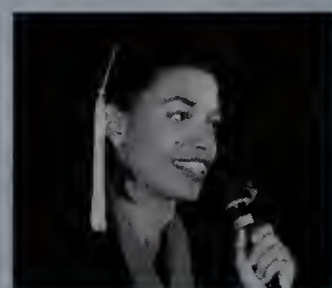
"I learned I had to work hard for what many others took for granted," she told graduates and their families at the ceremony.

"Sometimes you have to go through some pain to get to a better place," said the successful wife, mother, and entrepreneur.

Athletics is not the only area in which Bonnie St. John Deane has excelled. She is an honors graduate of Harvard and Oxford, a Rhodes scholar, and during the Clinton Administration was appointed as a Director of Human Capital Issues on the White House National Economic Council.

She is the author of the book, *Succeeding Sane: Making Room for Joy in a Crazy World*, published by Simon & Schuster.

Prior to her convocation appearance, Bonnie St. John Deane made a stop at the Holway Child Study Center to meet and chat with the youngsters.



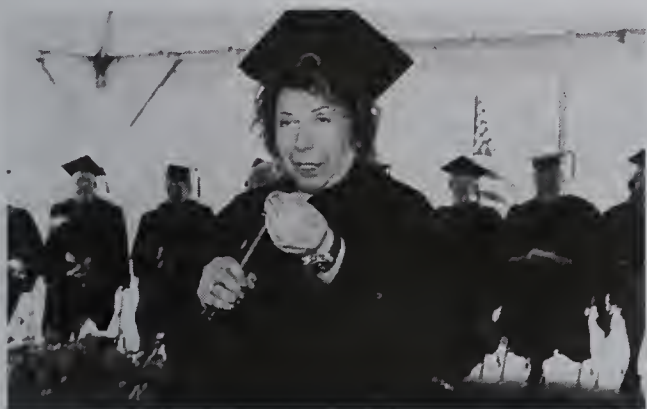
Wearing a gold medal smile along with her silver Olympic medal, Bonnie St. John Deane speaks at the School of Allied Health Convocation.

Loretta LaRoche Makes Them Laugh (and Think) at Village Convocation

ANNOUNCING TO LASELL VILLAGERS THAT "AGING IS NOT FOR SISSIES," funny lady and stress management consultant Loretta LaRoche proclaimed herself "taken aback that you are dealing with aging in such a wonderful way. I can see the vibrations from your brains," she insisted during the opening salvo of her bend-in-half, laugh-provoking convocation speech at Lasell Village on Thursday, May 17.

In the tent-covered courtyard that was jammed with some 200 Villagers, students, faculty, staff and family, laughter was the rule of order.

"This is a phenomenon, an educational retirement community without bran. You might as well be in Oz without the tin man," she laughed — as robustly as did her audience.



Loretta LaRoche shares words of wisdom and humor at the Village Convocation.

LaRoche, speaker, lecturer, best-selling author and humorist, has helped millions embrace a healthier, happier lifestyle. Through irreverent humor and an unconventional style, LaRoche makes cognitive therapy attainable and amusing. And so she did at the Lasell Village convocation. "Are you sage-ing rather than aging?" she queried as she lauded Villagers for their mentoring activities and their commitment to improving others' lives as well as their own. She talked about a growing diminishment of community and collaboration, saying, "Jehovah's Witnesses are the only people who still stop by." But, she insists, "People are the glue of life. Take what you are and make it more." She urged her listeners to enjoy all aspects of life with gusto. "Act strange, act really strange. Eccentrics live longer and have fewer doctor's visits," she said.

"As you age, make fun of yourself. I notice things are hanging now. Things that were up are down now. My mother got out of the shower and said to me, 'Look at me,' and I said, 'I don't think so,'" LaRoche guffawed. "We all get furniture

disease, that's when your chest falls into your drawers. But we need to be allowed to age with more grace.

"Enjoy your food. You should be moaning with pleasure when you eat. We're at 60 percent obesity in this country because we are all on low fat diets," she chortled. "When you're eating, enjoy and don't report anyone," she cautioned.

Laughter is the key to reducing stress levels, she told her audience, and she cited the research to prove it. "So make sure you have a laugh a day, even if you have to get together and force it," she teased. "Children laugh 440 times a day," she maintained. "It's physically impossible to be stressed and laugh at the same time." And to prove it, LaRoche inquired, "Ever try to lift furniture and laugh at the same time?"

Loretta LaRoche was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the Convocation. The citation read:

"As a high-profile speaker, lecturer, television personality, and best-selling author, you have helped millions say no to stress and embrace a healthier, happier lifestyle. Through your irreverent humor and unconventional style, you make group therapy accessible and fun. We salute you for reminding us in such a vibrant way, how humor can help change attitudes and relationships. With appreciation, the Board of Trustees of Lasell College proudly confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto." ♪



Getting in the spirit of things, the audience dons funny noses, to Loretta LaRoche's delight.

nation's attention and imagination with your gift for oratory and humor. With your commitment, passion, courage of conviction, and wit, you have shattered glass ceilings and stereotypes, hurdled personal and political obstacles, and enlivened the national political arena as a champion for equality, a better environment, and positive social change. The Board of Trustees of Lasell College therefore proudly confers upon you the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto." ♪

Robert Parker Honored at Lasell

ADDRESSING STUDENTS AND their families at the School of Arts and Sciences Convocation, Saturday, May 19th, best-selling author Robert Parker gave a first hand, wry account of the hows and whys, the craft and the business, of his chosen career.

He didn't spring immediately from college as a crime writer. When Parker first went to work he tried the advertising business, held a job as an industrial editor and then decided to get his Ph.D. in English so that he would have time to write when he wasn't teaching. He joked about his teaching style: "I was entertaining and not punitive. I was not rigid about things like attendance...I didn't flunk a lot of people. My office hours were midnight to 1:00 a.m."



Author Robert Parker receives his honorary degree from President de Witt.

Robert Parker began writing his Spenser novels in 1971. "I never had trouble coming up with ideas. When I was teaching fiction and asked my students to write a 10,000-word piece I would frequently hear, 'I can't think anything up.' This has never been my problem."

Parker is disciplined about his writing and insists on completing five finished pages a day. "I can write in almost any circumstance. It's not crucial where or when." He picked the mystery genre because "I'm a big fan of Raymond Chandler." He likes to have a new Spenser novel published every spring.

The first time Parker made a deal to make a film was in 1979. "The movie was to be of my book *Wilderness*, and it still hasn't been made," he joked. His most recent made-for-TV movie is *Walking Shadow* starring Marcia Gay Harden and Joe Montegna. Shooting was recently completed in Vancouver.

His advice to students who might want to write: "Find a way to do it. You have to have the time. I couldn't do it without knowing I have the whole day. You also need the discipline, the ability to sit there and do it regularly. I would take discipline over talent. And you need persistence. Just keep showing your manuscript to people who might publish it." ♪

COMMENCEMENT

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risk, but the greater risk lies in missing half of your life if you don't try." She also told graduates not to "live for tomorrow... it'll never get here."

Following a rousing standing ovation for her, Governor Richards was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Lasell College by Lasell President de Witt.

The citation reads: "You have blazed through the American political firmament, capturing the

AMERICA ONLINE AND OTHER CORPORATE SPONSORS HELP LASELL COLLEGE CELEBRATE

NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL corporate sponsors joined in the support of Lasell College's 150th Anniversary.

"The generosity of these corporations has enabled a small institution such as Lasell to extend its reach and stretch its resources," said Ruth Shuman, the College's dean for Institutional Advancement.

America Online, Inc. (AOL), a division of AOL Time Warner, the world's leader in interactive services, Web brands, Internet technologies and e-commerce services, was the lead sponsor of the four-day sesquicentennial celebration. Ted Leonsis, president of AOL Interactive Properties Group, spoke at the College's School of Business & Information Technology Convocation.

The Boston architectural firm of Jeremiah Eck Architects, Inc. was the corporate benefactor that sponsored the School of Business & Information Technology Convocation. The firm designed the restoration of both the College's Yamawaki Art & Cultural Center and its recently opened Winslow Academic Center.

Deloitte & Touche, one of the nation's leading professional services firms providing assurance and advisory, tax, and management consulting services throughout the United States, was also a benefactor of the celebration. D&T sponsored the School of Allied Health Convocation where Bonnie St. John Deane, Olympic medallist and author, motivated graduates with a moving, can-do speech.

The School of Arts & Sciences Convocation was sponsored by Groom Construction of Swampscott, MA. The company has worked with the College on the newly renovated Edwards Student Center, bookstore and cafeteria.

Steffian Bradley Associates Inc., the Boston-based, award-winning architecture, planning, interior, and environmental graphic design firm was a benefactor and sponsor of the Convocation at Lasell Village. Steffian Bradley designed the Lasell Village complex.

D & S Landscaping of Newtonville, MA, sponsored the alumni lobster bake. Additionally, the Auburndale Co-Operative Bank of Auburndale, MA and McDermott, Will & Emery, attorneys at law, of Boston, MA, sponsored the outdoor concert on Sunday.

Other Massachusetts based companies that served as sponsors included Andersen Windows, BHF Printing, GroupComm Systems, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, Mullaney Corporation, Murray Johnstone International, Ltd., J.W. Seligman & Co., State Street Global Advisors, Sunshine Sign Company, Signature Communications, TIAA-CREF and the Wayland Group. ♣

Yamawaki Sesquicentennial Exhibit Highlights Work of Alumni

WHEN KAREN GILL, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS, SENT OUT A CALL TO all alumni artists to see if they would be interested in submitting examples of their work to a sesquicentennial art exhibit, the number of responses she received thrilled her.

She got in touch with former Yamawaki Gallery Director Bob Kates, who put the show together. "We decided to have each artist show three or four pieces in order to get a better understanding of their work," explains Bob, "and this approach was met with universal approval. Of the 19 artists who exhibited, three either sold or had pieces commissioned."

Jacque Saunders, who chaired Lasell's former Department of Art & Music, was a special guest artist and submitted two collagraphs. "Jacque was much admired by her students and she always told them to use bold, free strokes," smiles Bob, "but artists have a way of adopting their own style. Virginia Taylor '62 took Jacque's classes and yet her work is very small and detailed."

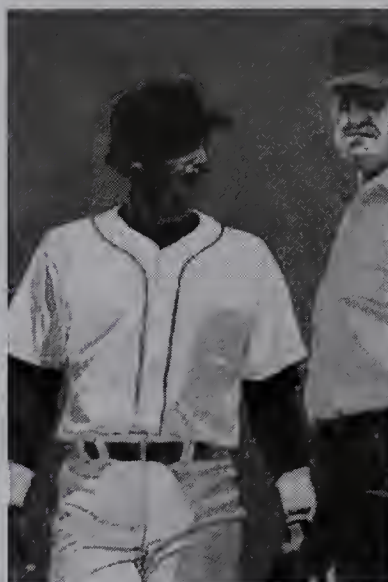
"Some of the artists built on interests that they had at Lasell," says Bob, "while others came to where they are today after several changes in direction, both artistically and in their careers."

Susan Miller-Havens '65 graduated from Lasell with an A.S. in Nursing Science and, until the 1990's, her career was in the medical field. Although her work was centered in psychotherapy, she did manage to find time to enroll in Wellesley College's Continuing Education Program. "Over the years I took every art course they offered," she enthuses.

In 1990, Miller-Havens accompanied her daughter to an art class. "I got the bug again," she explains, "and I thought, 'if I don't do this now, I'll never do it.' At Wellesley, I concentrated on

abstract landscape painting and the use of the color white. A classmate pointed out that baseball players wear white and this is when I did my first painting of a sports figure."

This year, following the purchase of a life-size portrait by the National Portrait Gallery and the completion of a commission of the



Titled "Jim-Ed," Susan Miller-Havens' painting of Red Sox player Jim Rice was sold at the Alumni Art Show.

Dean of the Harvard School of Education, her portrait of 1970's Red Sox player Jim Rice, titled "Jim-Ed," sold at the Sesquicentennial Exhibit.

Kristin Mackay '77, who makes stained glass windows and dichronic glass jewelry, majored in para-professional community mental health while at Lasell, an area that now falls under human services. "I only took one jewelry metal-smithing course during my Lasell years, and didn't follow up on it for quite a while."



President de Witt talks with artist and exhibitor Virginia Tsouros Taylor '62 and her daughter, Jane Taylor, at the opening.

Kristin is currently the Alternative Education Coordinator at Lunenburg High School, working with adolescents who are at risk. "It wasn't until I made my niece a stained glass window for her wedding present that I realized how much I missed working with glass."

Kristen exhibited two originally designed, jewel studded, Tiffany-style stained glass windows at the Lasell exhibit and although none of her jewelry was on display, she was wearing one of her dichronic glass and sterling bracelets. "Dichronic is Greek for two colors and the glass was originally invented by NASA for the Hubble Telescope as a filtering device," she explains. Her jewelry caught the eye of someone at the art show, who decided to commission a piece.

Mary Jane Morse '73 did major in art while at Lasell but "I knew I couldn't make a living at it so I didn't continue with it and it took me 17 years to return to it. But I was never happy away from it. There was always this gnawing feeling." Mary Jane decided to quit her job and is now painting full time. Her pastel, "Autumn on the Connecticut Mt. Ascutney," sold at the sesquicentennial show.

No matter what the route taken, the alumni represented at the show were drawn to art from an early age, have seen their work evolve, and have a real passion for their field. As Carol Phalen Swiggett '56 says, "What excites me most about painting is the process and the continual sense of discovery. The finished product is secondary. Art is a journey." ♣

Under the Bright Lights of Lasell's Fashion Institute

LASELL'S INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY (LIFT) IS GROWING AND ON the move. The program is enjoying one of the strongest student enrollment years in recent history as student numbers in Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising keep increasing. Rounding out the program, Graphic Design was added to the roster this fall.

At LIFT, students from all the design fields work together to form a cohesive unit: the merchandising majors develop, promote, and produce the shows for the design majors and the graphic design majors work with both.

Behind a successful program stands a strong, committed faculty that is there for the students and fosters the concept of connected learning, Lasell's unique melding of classroom theory with real-life professional experience. "We've hired an experienced and entrepreneurial faculty that believes in giving the students ownership of what they're doing and sees that they carry both the theory and the practical application of their programs outside the classroom," says Richard Bath, director of LIFT.



At the Gala Fashion Show, a model wears a dress designed by Lorica Elana Sifken '01.

Many of LIFT's faculty members are designers in Boston and all are able to introduce students to fellow fashion designers and provide them access to the real world of fashion design. For instance, lecturer Jay Calderin is founder of Boston Fashion Week and, as Jen DiMinico '01 exclaims, "He's so up on things and he's given us an opportunity to work on two or three of the shows he's been involved in. When he showed at the Boston Public Library, we helped set it up, worked on the displays, and garnered an enormous amount of experience." Calderin also developed a web site (<http://www.fashioninboston.com>) that provides some professional exposure for Lasell students.

Internships are a strong part of both the design and merchandising programs. Assistant Professor Joan Morris works with design students while the merchandising majors are under the leadership of Assistant Professor Sarah Scavone. There is 100 percent placement for students and every student must complete his or her internship in the fall of their senior year.

"The internship is a great stepping stone for future career placement and the students work hard," Sarah Scavone explains. "After completing a four-week seminar on campus in September, they begin work at their site where they must put in 400 hours. At the end of the semester, teamwork comes into play when the whole fashion group makes a final presentation in front of a board comprised of individuals from the fashion industry. The entire experience is very intense," says Scavone.

A recent internship innovation has been the introduction of a study abroad segment that has been designated as part of the Honors program. Carey Wolfe '01, a Fashion Merchandising major, who went to London for three months on a buying

internship, was the first to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Class of 2001 received extra experience by timing their graduation presentations with Lasell's Sesquicentennial. "We've been taught to focus," Jen DiMinico explains. "Once we start out with an idea, we've learned to stick with it and follow through without taking short cuts." This was evident in the work the students did for both the Annual Fashion Show and the special fashion show for the Sesquicentennial Celebration Gala Dinner on Saturday, May 19, where each design senior's collection was displayed.

The senior merchandising students, who did all the leg work and got the show up and on, were assisted by two top tier faculty members. Elie Honein, a leading Boston photographer/graphic designer, organized the music and lighting for the show and Misha Lenn designed and executed the dramatic backdrop of Bragdon Hall. Lenn, who comes from St. Petersburg, Russia, did the scenery for the Broadway musical "Ragtime," and has illustrated for Calvin Klein as well as sold his distinctive paintings to notables including Mikail Gorbachev.

The two, almost back-to-back fashion shows were hard work, as Joan Morris and her four senior design students, who each produced 10 garments, can attest. "Joan has made such a difference in



Assistant Professor Joan Morris helps Michelle Magenghi '01 (left) and Jen DiMinico '01 (right) before the spring fashion show.

our design department," says Richard Bath. "She brings more than 20 years of experience to the program and is also currently creating for Fenaroli Designs. She's there for her students every step of the way." And, there are many steps, from coming up with the original idea, sketching it on paper, creating a pattern, testing it with muslin, buying the fabric, putting the piece together and finally, fitting it. Each outfit takes at least a week of intense work.

Seniors Trina Green and Jennifer DiMinico, both came to Lasell specifically because of its Fashion Design program and they have not been disappointed. Their fashion lines are quite different with Trina designing evening club wear and Jen focusing on easy-to-wear, classic design that can be worn over and over. The collection of Catherine Larkin '01 has a seashell motif that ran through all her clothing, while the outfits of Lorica Elana Sifken '01 are influenced by Japan and include several beautiful and very original kimonos.

Students first started designing clothing at Lasell in 1911, which makes the Fashion Institute one of the oldest in the country. But, more importantly, it is growing at a tremendous pace. With a strong faculty and dedicated students, the program will continue to create new ideas that will keep it a premier fashion program in the Northeast. Hang on to your haute couture hats! ✿

GOODWILL COLLECTION ARRIVES AT LASELL

Because of the two-year effort of Assistant Professor Jill Carey, the Goodwill Fashion Collection is on indefinite loan to Lasell. The lavish clothing collection contains pieces which date back to before 1850 and run to 1970. At the sesquicentennial gala, LIFT students modeled several highlights from the Collection, including an 1840's wool challis, plaid day dress with a layered skirt that required an hourglass waist, and a 1960 silk and polyester dress by Pucci.

Jill Carey first became acquainted with the Collection through Maturity Matters, a clothing manufacturer for senior citizens. She did an annual fundraiser for Goodwill where she turned their atrium into a scene from the Public Gardens of 1800 and realized

what a treasure trove the Collection was. "The president of Goodwill had said, 'We have some old clothing, jewelry and hats,'" laughs Richard Bath. "What an understatement!"

The Museum of Fine Arts approached Goodwill to see about taking over the Collection,

but Lasell's competing presentation persuaded Goodwill to loan the Collection to the College, where it would be cataloged, displayed, and would be used as a true educational resource. "Students have been helping Jill identify pieces, which has been a wonderful teaching tool. It has helped us connect the future to the past," says Richard Bath. "Fashion is evolutionary, it repeats itself, and working with the Collection, the students see this. It is an entire history course."



Heather Makara '01 models an 1840's day dress from the Goodwill Collection.

TECHNOLOGY GRANT

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"The TLC is designed to provide academic and technical support to faculty as they develop innovative ways in which to use technology in their classroom teaching," explains Director of Information Technology, Deborah Gelch. "The TLC for faculty will supply equipment and training for teaching methodologies designed to meet the varied learning styles of Lasell students in a technology-centered classroom atmosphere."

The grant from the Davis Educational Foundation will be used primarily for faculty development grants and for training. Stanton and Elisabeth Davis established the Davis Educational Foundation after his retirement as chairman of Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc. The Davis Foundation has been a generous benefactor to Lasell's growing emphasis on technology. The Foundation awarded Lasell a \$250,000 grant in 1994 to help build the institution's technology infrastructure.

The RoseMary B. Fuss Teaching and Learning Center for Faculty, in the College's Brennan Library, has been established to honor the contributions of service and philanthropy of Mrs. Fuss. She currently serves as a trustee of the College and as chair of the Lasell Village Board, and although she is not a Lasell alumna, she has become one of the institution's most visible and determined supporters.

Mrs. Fuss, who hails from a family deeply committed to education, clearly believes in carrying on the tradition. The creative force behind the Lasell 150 Web site (<http://www.lasell-150.com>), she has grown into one of the College's most knowledgeable historians in the process. ♣

RECENT TLC GRANTS

- **John Carroll**, associate professor, Education, is researching and writing a paper on the use of assistive technologies at Lasell College.
- **Helen Alcola**, assistant professor, Humanities, is having her VCR tapes for Spanish students transferred to Digital Media so her classes can access them through Jenzabar, the Web portal that ties Lasell communities together through the Internet and Intranet.
- **Felice Gordis**, assistant professor, Social Science, is having a computer program written to track students' internships.

Wireless Zones Create Classrooms without Walls

USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO EXPAND LEARNING AND TEACHING modalities at Lasell by creating "classrooms without walls," the College is now using the Internet and wireless technology to improve and expand the way its diverse, multi-generation campus constituencies interact.

In an exciting new initiative to "unplug" technology and make it available throughout the institution, wireless zones have been installed in key campus locations to maximize cyber-access.

Now, laptops equipped with inexpensive, easy-to-install wireless network cards (about \$70 each), and other wireless devices can yield the same results as their wired counterparts. With a click of a button, signals are transmitted through radio waves from the wireless device to small, strategically placed, easy-to-install wireless hubs that cost about \$400. "Wireless has brought the four 'abilities' to Lasell," Director of Information Technology Deborah Gelch says happily, citing wireless' penchant for "portability, affordability, reliability, and sociability."

Through the College's Jenzabar web portal, a Web-based Intranet application that ties together the College, Lasell Village, and the nationally-accredited Holway Child Study Centers for toddlers and infants, all Lasell constituencies can enjoy a dynamic, real-time, self-service means for bi-directional communication and interaction. Students can register, add and drop courses, obtain transcripts and check their account balances, all with a click of their computer mouse. Throughout the Lasell College and Village campuses, faculty, students and administrators can chat, post to message boards, and utilize course management tools that encourage faculty members to develop and publish course materials online.

No more sitting in a residence hall by one's self, staring at a computer screen. Now, with wireless, students are untethered from technology!

Thanks to wireless technology at Lasell, students can meet at the 1851 to grab a bite to eat, or gather in the comfortable and congenial Glow Lounge, or convene in a quiet space in Brennan Library, fire up their laptops, check their email or surf the Web, or work together to complete a class project.

"We've gotten a great deal of positive feedback from students, faculty, and administrators about our new wireless capabilities," says Deborah. "And the new wireless system is as secure as the traditional wired systems."

"At the core of our new deployment of 'wireless cyber zones' is the Bluesocket Wireless Gateway being beta tested at Lasell.

"By using Bluesocket, we can maintain the same kind of security and management tools we rely on from our wired network — yet wireless networks are dramatically easier and less expensive to deploy and extend. Furthermore, I really like how the Bluesocket solution lets me manage who is on the network and how much bandwidth they are allotted," explains Deborah.

Wireless zones at Lasell College include:

The Brennan Library: With wireless cards installed in their laptops, students can now log onto the Lasell network without cumbersome cords, collaborate on work projects, write term papers and conduct research on the Web while they refer to books and documents in the school library and on line.

Learning Center: With convenient, portable, affordable and reliable wireless technology, faculty can interact with students in real-time as coursework ensues.

Student Activity Centers: As they socialize or grab a quick snack in one of Lasell's student lounges — students can easily log on to check their e-mail, browse the web and connect to files on certain College networks to which they have been granted access by the network administrators.

Holway Child Study Centers: Computers and a wireless network are installed in the campus toddler and infant day care centers, allowing the day care providers to communicate with parents who want to check in on their children during the day.

Lasell College intends to broaden the use of wireless networks across the entire campus for computer users of all ages. In the future, the College plans to install WLANs in student dormitories and in Lasell Village. ♣

Jenzabar: Integrating Ideas and Interactivity Through State-of-the-Art Technology

TECHNOLOGY HAS INFUSED THE LIFE of Lasell Village residents in significant ways.

The Village campus is fully wired so residents can readily access the Lasell network from their residential computers. And now, with Jenzabar, a Web-based Intranet application for students and teachers devoted exclusively to higher education and life-long-learning, collaborating with each other, with traditional-age students, and communicating with faculty has become easier.

"Here, living and learning go hand-in-hand in promoting an active and engaged lifestyle for residents," explains College and Village Director of Information Technology, Deborah Gelch.

"One of the requirements for residence at Lasell Village is that retirees actively participate in 450 hours of continuing education, which many residents fulfill by taking courses at the College. Jenzabar provides an Internet-based online community for faculty, traditional and Village students and administrators, and course management tools that encourage faculty members to develop and publish course materials online.

The installation and campuses-wide (Lasell College and Village) use of Jenzabar support Lasell's key objectives of promoting a diverse community, making learning resources easily accessible and advancing communication and collaboration among all the College's constituencies. "Our traditional-age students benefit greatly from the perspectives and life experiences Villagers share with them inside and outside of the class-



room, and vice versa," says Deborah.

Through Jenzabar, Village residents have easy access to lecture notes and on-line chats. They attend classes at the College, but they are also able to conveniently participate in the educational process directly from their residences.

"Villagers and students enjoy the ability to communicate with each other freely, any time of the day or night, via Jenzabar," continues Deborah.

Traditional-age students and Villagers use the Web portal extensively for course management. "Jenzabar allows them to receive posted assignments and take online tests," says Deborah. "It also makes it much easier for adjunct faculty to remain in close touch with students. Overall, our students learn in a more professional atmosphere because of the wide range of options Jenzabar provides."

Beyond the educational benefits, Jenzabar enhances campus life in a variety of other ways. "Jenzabar makes it possible for students to have threaded discussions and chat during evening hours. They can also conveniently check out campus events and dates," explains Deborah. "We are also able to easily conduct online surveys."

For all constituencies on the Lasell College/Lasell Village campuses, Jenzabar provides a satisfying and seamless approach to integrating ideas and interactivity through state-of-the-art technology. ✦

Lasell's New Doran Lab Loads Up on Mac Computers

THE DORAN COMPUTER LAB has been reconfigured with 17 state-of-the-art Macintosh (Mac) computers.



The Doran Computer Lab's new Macintosh computers will be invaluable to Lasell's graphic design majors.

Students in the College's new fashion graphic design major are using the Doran Computer Lab, located on the ground level of Brennan Library. And, since graphic design is a niche that Apple, which manufactures the Mac, has dominated since the beginning of the Mac versus PC marketing battles, Lasell has made the brand new machines available for classroom use.

The Mac versus PC debate has been raging for years," acknowledges IT Director Deborah Gelch, who maintains that there are advantages and disadvantages to both computer operating systems. "Still, although we are dominantly a PC campus, we do maintain a 20% ratio of Macs for student use," she says.

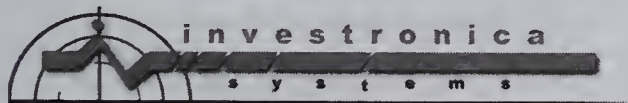
Although PCs are more common in the workplace — more than 90% of businesses worldwide use PCs — Macs are considered the computers of choice by graphic designers who insist their Macs offer more speed, superior design software, and better color matching to enhance their desktop publishing, video editing, and general graphic applications.

"In a recent survey, most wired colleges offer a diversification of computer operating systems," say Deborah. "We are pleased to do the same."

The Doran Lab was named by Marjorie Doran '37, in memory of her husband, A. Benedict Doran. ✦

Lasell Institute of Fashion Technology and Investronica USA Form Creative, Academic/Business Partnership

THE LASELL COLLEGE INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY (LIFT), ONE OF the leading retail fashion design and merchandising programs in New England, has entered into a creative partnership with Investronica Systems USA that has yielded a gift of approximately \$92,000 worth of the company's leading-edge software system to the College.



The Spanish-owned company, with offices in Atlanta, GA, specializes in the development of CAD design tools (Computer Assisted Design), CAM systems (Computer Assisted Manufacturing) and CIM projects (Computer Integrated Manufacturing) for the apparel and upholstery, automobile, and aeronautics industries. Investronica has donated 11 stations of its software system — a CAD system used by the apparel industry for pattern generation, marker generation, and manufacturing through automated cutting sys-

tems — to Lasell as part of an agreement that includes the establishment of a Lasell College-based center for training and development for Investronica USA.

The donation of software is the beginning of what LIFT Director Richard Bath describes as "an exciting academic and business partnership that can be very fruitful for the College and Investronica. Our students will have the benefit of learning their art and craft on software that is one of the top two software systems used throughout

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Cindy Baron, director of the Holway Child Study Centers, reports that The Barn received its national accreditation renewal. The Center is nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Only 10% of all childcare centers in the country achieve this status.

The Barn graduated its 11th class of pre-schoolers this June. The event was marked with the graduation ceremony and the Center picnic.

Linda Bucci, chair and assistant professor, Justice Studies, School of Arts & Sciences, who holds a B.A. degree from Boston College, an M.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University, and a J.D. degree from Boston College Law School, has been offering a summer course, "Issues in Crime and Justice," at Lasell Village as well as lecturing on the topics "Does the Jury System Work?" and "Should Consensual Nonconforming Behavior Be Prohibited by Law?" at the Village's Friday Forum Lecture Series. In November 2000, she was a faculty presenter at the third annual Northeast Regional Child Maltreatment Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. Her paper was titled "The Investigation and Prosecution of Physical Child Abuse Cases."

K. Brewer Doran, Ph.D., associate dean of the School of Business and Information Technology,

recently taught a joint MBA course, "How to Do Business" in China in Beijing for Tsinghua University (China) and Reims University (France). She has an A.B. degree from Dartmouth College, an M.B.A. degree from the University of Virginia (Darden School) and a Ph.D. from McGill University. On the Lasell campus, Dean Doran is overseeing the integration of graduate and international studies.



Aerobics/Dance Instructor in her spare time, serves as the staff advisor for Lasell College's dance team, Rhythm Unique.

Cristina Haverty, assistant professor of Allied Health and clinical coordinator for Athletic Training, serves as the head athletic trainer for Region 1 (East) Olympic Development Girls' Soccer Program and as head

Elisa M. Scarsella, Student Affairs administrative assistant, volunteered for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which took place in May 2001. The Curry College graduate, who is an



athletic trainer for the National Adidas Cup team, Adidas International Youth Cup. She also serves as an athletic trainer for USA Soccer.

Dr. Stephen Sarikas, associate professor, Science, in the School of Arts & Sciences, who has been teaching at Lasell for 12 years, recently signed a contract with Benjamin-Cummings Publishers to write and publish a laboratory manual for anatomy and physiology. "This summer, I completed the first draft. Over the next year, I will be working on revisions, and writing additional chapters concerned with dissection. Publication of the first edition is expected in late 2003," he reports.

On January 19, 2001, **Dr. John Carroll**, associate professor, Education, in the School of Arts and Sciences, was an invited speaker for the EACE Conference (college career planning professionals and corporate recruiters) at the Fidelity Center for Applied Technology, Boston, MA. Dr. Carroll's topic was "The ADA after 10 Years, Reflections and Goals." The discussion also included assistive technology and elements of his published work on "Learning to Adapt: Models for Inclusion."

Lasell Village Dean **Paula Panchuck, Ph.D.**, participated in the National Institute for Aging (NIA)-sponsored Research Training Program, held at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota from July 15 to July 25. "The goal of the program is to build and sustain a community of researchers committed to an active research agenda in the psychology of aging," she explains. "Along with 12 other participants selected from all over the United States, I attended 60 hours of presentations on advanced research methods and grant writing given by distinguished visiting professors and NIA staff. The Research Training Program includes the two-week Institute that I just attended, a mid-year meeting in February, and a week-long follow-up next July.

"As a program participant, I am expected to develop a research project that will be submitted to the NIA for funding," Dr. Panchuck continues. "I plan to explore the impact that participation in the 'living and learning' program at Lasell Village has on health and/or well-being in later life for our residents. Hopefully this project will launch our new Lasell College Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies, scheduled to open later this year."

Steven Bloom, Ph.D., associate dean for the School of Arts and Sciences, has a new title and expanded responsibilities. As director of General Education and the Honors Program, he will be overseeing the implementation and assessment of the current core curriculum, and be responsible for leading the effort to ensure that the general education requirements continue to enhance the education of Lasell students and their preparation for successful careers in their chosen professions. "I will also oversee the implementation, assessment, and development of the Honors Program so that it offers a unique opportunity for highly motivated and academically engaged Lasell students to stretch their intellectual muscles in different and challenging ways and to become actively involved as community leaders both on and off the campus," he explains. "In both areas encompassed by this title, I hope to provide leadership in heightening the level of academic and intellectual engagement among Lasell students."

NEW FACULTY LEADERSHIP FOR THE DONAHUE INSTITUTE AND THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Tessa LeRoux, Ph.D. joins Lasell as associate professor of Sociology and director of the Donahue Institute. Dr. LeRoux holds a doctorate in sociology from Rand Afrikaans University, Johannesburg, South Africa. She has taught sociology part-time at Lasell for the past year and coordinates epidemiological research for a patient advocacy group, PXE International. She held the previous positions of associate professor of Sociology at the University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, and assistant professor of Sociology at the University of South Africa.

Dr. LeRoux comes to Lasell with extensive teaching, research, and administrative experience and has published several articles and books in the area of family sociology and women's issues. Looking forward to her new position, Professor LeRoux says, "The great sociologist Max Weber once said, 'Nothing has any value for man as a man (sic) which he cannot do with passion.' I believe that the Donahue Institute should foster passion for social justice in all spheres of life, based on responsible civic engagement. This, I believe, is what education is all about."

Sharyn Lowenstein, Ph.D. joins the College as associate professor of English and director of the Center for Public Service. Dr. Lowenstein received her Ed.D. from Boston University. She has held the previous positions of grant writer and staff associate at Bunker Hill Community College, associate professor and director of the Learning Center at Lesley University, assistant professor at the College of Public and Community Service/UMass Boston and

assistant professor of Education and director of the Learning Center at the University of New Hampshire at Manchester.

Dr. Lowenstein brings a wealth of experience in working with faculty and students on service-learning projects; she also has an excellent record of receiving and managing educational grants. She has published prodigiously, mostly in the area of pedagogical scholarship. "I very much look forward to working with the Lasell community to continue to develop service-learning initiatives. I am excited to meet faculty, staff, and students here at the College," she says.

"The Donahue Institute and Center for Public Service are both essential in our quest to saturate all academic programs with connected learning initiatives while also making civic awareness and active citizenship priorities of a Lasell education," says Academic Vice President James Ostrow. "Dr. LeRoux brings fresh ideas and passion to the Donahue Institute; under her leadership, I believe the Institute will become a major force in our effort to engage students, faculty, and staff in ongoing reflection on the meaning and importance of citizenship in a democracy and civility in a community."

"We are also very fortunate to have Dr. Lowenstein joining Lasell," Dr. Ostrow continues. "I am confident that she will help us to develop many new opportunities in community project-focused education — a major initiative in the expansion of connected learning at the College. I look forward to the leadership of our new directors, as they work toward the realization of these goals." ❖

NEW FACES

Lasell is pleased to welcome several new faculty members to campus this fall. In the School of Business and Information Technology there are three new faces.

Assistant Professor **Nancy Waldron** received her Ph.D. from Capella University in Minneapolis, MN. Formerly a professor at Lesley University, Boston, MA, she taught classes on e-commerce and small business management.

Assistant Professor **Michael Nee** joins Professor Waldron in the School of Business. He has taught at Newbury College and Dean College, and has also worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Boston.

Jeffrey Corcoran is an assistant professor of Management Information Systems. He arrives at Lasell from Nichols College where he taught computer principles, microcomputer applications and management principles. He received his master's degree from Boston University.

Assistant Professors of English **Diane Donatio** and **Rebecca Kennedy** are familiar campus faces, but both have moved from part-time to full-time professors.

Promoted from assistant professor to associate professor are: **Richard Bath**, director of the fashion program, **Sarah Scavone**, of the fashion program, and **Linda Bruenjes**, head of Academic Computing, each in the School of Business & Information Technology and **Lisa Harris**, associate dean of the School of Allied Health and Sports Studies.

Jill Fieleke has joined the Health Center Staff as Nurse Practitioner. She is a graduate of Williams College, where her concentration was women's studies. She then went on to receive her master's from Massachusetts General Hospital Institute. Her areas of expertise include women's health, as well as adult health. ☛

Lasell College Assistant Professor Helen Alcala Receives Fulbright Award

HELEN ALCALA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HUMANITIES IN THE SCHOOL of Arts and Sciences at Lasell College, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to teach in Mexico for the fall 2001 semester. She will be teaching at the Universidad Veracruzana in Orizaba, Veracruz.

In an exciting cross-cultural, educational exchange with the University in Veracruz, Tito Mata Vicencio will be a visiting Fulbright Professor at Lasell College for the fall 2001 semester. Professor Mata holds a B.A. in English from the Language School at the University of Veracruz in Xalapa and a M.S. degree in the teaching of English, a long distance program, from the University of Aston, England. He has a strong interest in humanistic language teaching, reading and writing, psychology and social issues. He likes to travel and visit archeological and historic sites and to hike. He also enjoys surfing the web, meditation, and listening to different kinds of music. At Lasell he will be teaching Beginning and Intermediate Spanish.

Helen Alcala is one of approximately 2,000 U.S. grantees who will travel abroad for the 2001-2002 academic year through the Fulbright Program. Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program's purpose is to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world.

The Fulbright Program — America's flagship international educational exchange program — is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State. For 55 years, Fulbright programs have exchanged nearly a quarter of a million people — 88,000 Americans, who have studied, taught or



Assistant Professor Helen Alcala and her Fulbright counterpart, Tito Mata Vicencio.

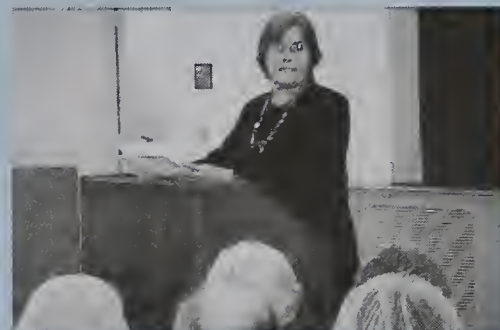
researched abroad and more than 146,000 students, scholars and professionals from other countries who have engaged in similar activities in the United States.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields. Among the thousands of prominent Fulbright alumni are Craig Barrett, president and CEO of INTEL; Renee Fleming, opera singer; John Lithgow, actor; Daniel Patrick Moynihan, former U.S. Senator; and Robert Shaye, founder and chairman of New Line Cinema. ☛

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United States' history, with more extensive reference to the decade of the 1960s and its fallout, a decade that was problematic, both in terms of domestic events and behaviors, as well as foreign debacles.



Sylvia MacPhee examines the term "civility."

"Abraham Lincoln once referred to the United States as 'the last best hope of mankind on earth.' Hope for improvement may still be found somewhere. Certainly, other than for the willfully blind, there is ample room, nay need for betterment. One place to begin to seek for and promote change lies in civility, in respecting our own personhood and then respecting that of others. We can learn to care, to become civil, if we choose to learn and we can ignore civility if that is what we choose to do," Aieta said.

Associate Professor MacPhee, who approached the topic of civility in her paper "All Our Kind: Redefining Difference," came to see civility as a term that is multidimensional. "It takes on meaning and significance depending on its context, who is defining it, where and when," she explained. "In an effort to deconstruct the concept into manageable parts, I first examined the root meaning of the word, and then looked at it from three perspectives. At the individual level, I examined one's right to self-expression and self-actualization without violating the rights of others to do the same. At the group level, I looked at one group's right to maintain its cultural history and traditions without violating another group's right to social justice. And at the societal level, I examined the difficult task of binding the many into a cohesive unit to achieve the goal of E Pluribus Unum."

Student feedback from MacPhee's sociology classes "pointed out that there is a generational difference in what is perceived to be poor taste or rude (uncivil) behavior, particularly when it comes to self-expression," she explains. "When critiquing my paper as part of a class assignment, most identified with the idea that one may appear to be civil, that is, one may be polite when speaking to others, but may be very uncivil in one's behavior, even when the negative behavior may be done politely."

By generating thought and discussion on campus, the Symposium met its goals and made the College more aware of what "civility" entails. ☛

An Adventure in Japan

KONNICHIIWA! (HELLO!)



East meets West: Dorothy Halsey, Jill Carey and Lasell students, Carla Mercurio, Maura McCarthy, and Carla Bascope enjoying the sights of Tokyo with their new Japanese friends.

On May 26th, Jill Carey, Assistant Professor at Lasell's Fashion Institute, her daughter Jennifer (age 9), three of her fashion students, Carla Bascope, Carla Mercurio, Maura McCarthy, and Dorothy Halsey, administrative assistant in Academic Affairs, left Logan Airport for an adventure in Japan.

Their host families and Keith Schellin, director of the International Cultural Center at Yamawaki Junior College, greeted them at the Tokyo airport. Each weekday morning, the Lasell group met for Japanese class and also attended a cooking and pattern design class with Yamawaki students. The afternoons were spent sightseeing in Tokyo with the host family daughters. Highlights included a bus tour of Tokyo with a trip to the top of Tokyo Tower, a visit to a kimono museum complete with the making of their own patterns on silk, and a tour of Nihonbashi Mitsukoshi Department Store, where the group enjoyed trying on a variety of beautiful kimonos.

After a week in Tokyo, with many good-bye tears, they took the bullet train (187 m.p.h.) to Kyoto — a smaller and more traditional city. Their first event was the long-honored tea ceremony. "Whoever thought so much was involved in sipping a cup of tea," exclaimed Dorothy Halsey. That night they stayed in a mountain monastery where they all agreed that the food left much to be desired. Another day they visited the Todaiji Temple in nearby Nara. Kyoto has many temples, both Shinto (simple) and Buddhist (elaborate) styles. They shared these temple visits with many Japanese school children (all in uniforms).

The Lasell group found the public transit system incredibly well organized, the people polite and respectful, and everyone seemed very thin! Heavily laden with gifts and souvenirs, they returned to Boston on June 9, weary but excited to share their experiences with parents and friends. 🍵

Joan Howe Weber '51 Honored at Dedication of Winslow Academic Center's New Weber Computer Lab

WITH 20 MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY PRESENT ON AUGUST 6, JOAN HOWE Weber '51 was honored by President de Witt and members of the Lasell community, as the Weber Computer Lab, located on the first level of the Winslow Academic Center was formally dedicated. All in attendance toasted Joan with mimosas and strawberries, recognizing her unwavering loyalty and hard work on behalf of Lasell, and her leadership-level support of the Lasell 150 Campaign.



The unveiling of the Weber Computer Lab plaque brings smiles to Joan Weber and President de Witt.

Joan, the current vice chair of the Board and co-chair of the Lasell 150 Campaign, is one of Lasell's most active and dedicated alums. In addition to her most recent Lasell activism, Joan served as one of the class agents for this year's 50th reunion class, devoting many hours to encouraging attendance at Reunion and financial support of the College. (More than 50% of her reunion class contributed to the Reunion Fund!)

Joan Weber is also a member of the Heritage Society. In recognition of her dedication to Lasell, she was a recipient of a medallion this year (see story page 26).

But perhaps Joan's most important achievement of all is that of proud mother and grandmother to four children and 12 grandchildren, all of whom watched with pride as she unveiled the plaque identifying the Weber Computer Lab, a legacy she has provided to the College, which will be used by countless faculty members and students for many years to come. 🍷



Joan Weber is joined by her entire family after the dedication.



Moving right along: the construction on the new three-story, brick and stucco residence hall, "Seminary Suites," at 33 Seminary Avenue has been in full swing throughout the spring and summer so that the doors could open this fall. Fifty-six lucky students are occupying the 11 high-tech suites. The building also contains a study lounge, communal kitchen, laundry facilities and underground parking.



Yamawaki Art Gallery Events

THE FOLLOWING SHOWS HAVE BEEN BOOKED FOR THE YAMAWAKI GALLERY as of August 1. Information on current activities at the gallery and the Yamawaki Center can be obtained by calling (617) 796-4037. To be added to the Yamawaki Gallery mailing list, please send your e-mail address or your mailing address to Professor Richard Bath at rbath@lasell.edu.

House of Spirits

by Annee Spileos Scott, winner of the second annual Rappaport Prize awarded by the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, MA

September 7–October 22, 2001

"House of Spirits" is a collection of multi-media installations with sound and video, addressing memory and identity that were forged in the atmosphere of substance abuse. "Its subjects include the misery brought on by substance abuse within families," says *Boston Globe* reporter Christine Temin in a recent profile of Scott. Stripped of the complexities of humanism, these "characters" have been reduced to one-dimensional stereotypes, represented by empty tables, chairs, beds and dollhouses that have been altered to represent the family in participation/denial.

17th Anniversary Open Exhibition-Monotype Guild of New England

February 10–March 10, 2002

Dedicated to the art of the *unique print*.

West Sumatra and Bali: Watercolors by Paul Nagano

May 12–June 23, 2002

Paul Nagano, a Japanese-American born in Honolulu, was trained at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. His idyllic watercolors portray landscapes of many places in Indonesia. Paul first visited Bali in 1988 and has returned frequently to paint the island's beautiful scenery, temples, and people. His works are delicate balances of shimmering color.

Changes at the Gallery

Robert Kates, former Lasell College Marketing Director for Asia, who most recently distinguished himself as director of the Yamawaki Art Gallery, retired from the College in June. He reports that he will continue to work on Annee Scott's exhibit, which focuses on substance abuse and the dysfunctional family. Bob Kates will be promoting the exhibit with MADD and other interested community groups, as well as to the Lasell campus. Mr. Kates will serve as chairman of the Board of Advisors for the Gallery, a new advisory group established by the new Gallery director, Richard Bath. ♣

LASELL AT A GLANCE

Academic Affairs: The petition for granting a Master of Science degree in Management, specializing in elder care and marketing, is now before the state Board of Higher Education.

Lasell's enrollment target of 320 new students and a total of 850 full-time students in September was met! Vice President of Enrollment Management, Kathleen O'Connor

Student Government Association:

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to the Student Government Association Executive Board for the year 2001–2002.

President:

Jerry Dumais '02

Vice-President of Academic Affairs:

Paul Lively '02

Vice-President of Internal Affairs:

Carla Mercurio '02

Vice-President of Student Affairs:

Nikki Sweeten '03

Vice President of Finance:

Ryan Kelleher '03

reports that this has been the **fourth consecutive year of growth** in the number of first-year students admitted at Lasell.

Finances and Physical Plant: The budgets remain balanced and Trustees approved a preliminary budget for fiscal year 2002. An accelerated growth strategy is responsible for the capital improvements scheduled for 2001, including the construction of two new residence halls; construction of two parking lots; renovation of Potter and Potter garage; expansion of Taylor Field; vinylizing Bancroft, Potter, Cushing and Karandon; installation of electrical transformers for the Student Center, Wass and Winslow Hall; expansion of the archives and renovation of the second floor of Brennan Library.

Institutional Advancement: Lasell has registered its 10th consecutive increase in the Annual Fund. At its close on June 30th, the Lasell 150 Campaign had raised more than \$18 million. The Trustees approved funds to continue our major gift program by retaining our two major gift officers. We congratulate Kathy Urner, Director of the Campaign, on her new appointment as Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Bay Path College. ♣



FIRST YEAR SEMINAR ARMS INCOMING STUDENTS WITH COLLEGE SURVIVAL TACTICS

LISA HARRIS, ASSOCIATE DEAN for the School of Allied Health and Sports Studies, is helping the new and improved first year advising and seminar programs for incoming students.

"If students have a positive experience and are successful in the first semester, it is likely that they will return and be successful in subsequent semesters," she says. "We want to do everything possible to ensure that students gain the most from all aspects of their stay at Lasell."

Lasell's first year experience program was revised, under Harris' guidance, following the recommendations of a faculty/student task force, convened last year by Vice President of Academic Affairs, James Ostrow.

"Our goal was to find meaningful ways for incoming students to meet and be connected with faculty and staff, and for them to learn the best way to deal with all aspects of the college environment," Lisa Harris continues. "The result was a new approach to academic advising that assigns first year students to a specific faculty member who will be there for them to provide informational support and intellectual connections and guidance. With these faculty resources, students can make informed decisions about what courses to take, what study tracks to pursue, where to obtain assistance in academic and personal issues, and so on." A student co-facilitator will work with faculty in the first year seminar course and will also be available for new students as a College liaison during their first year in the residence halls.

Says Lisa Harris, "The decision was made to convert the former 'College 101' course, which served to outline the basic how-to's of negotiating college life: how to use the library, how to research a paper, how to manage one's time, how to avoid exam-time stress, etc., into a more interactive and rewarding experience that uses student interests to guide them toward valuable social and scholastic advice and direction.

"The measure of the revamped program's success," she says, "is that more faculty have volunteered to participate than ever before."

The new approach "allows faculty to be creative and get to know these new students. And for students, it gives them a chance to really engage in academic work and get a taste of what they will face without peril." ♣

LASELL HOSTS NEW ENGLAND GERONTOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE ON RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

LASELL VILLAGE, IN conjunction with Chellis Silva Associates Senior Housing, of Wellesley Hills, MA, hosted the New England Gerontological Association's Conference, "Redefining Retirement Communities" on October 1st and 2nd.

The conference, funded by the Charles H. Farnsworth Trust, was attended by senior housing and college planners and managers, sponsors, designers and developers of continuing care retirement communities.

"As a College that has created such a unique 'living and learning' community with Lasell Village, hosting this conference is yet another way to highlight other interesting options for retirement living," said Paula Panchuck, Ph.D. and Academic Dean at the Village.

In one of the conference sessions, Lasell President de Witt spoke about how mutually beneficial it has been for the college and retirement campuses to come together, yielding the resulting social, educational and financial advantages.

At the conference, leaders in retirement planning identified and discussed the changing face of retirement housing. With baby boomers approaching this threshold, the question of how the industry should prepare for the changes that will be necessitated by this population was examined. "With seniors living both longer and healthier, and 85 percent of the aging Baby Boomer generation saying that they never expect to fully retire, new, attractive, cost-effective options must be identified and promoted," said co-host, Bob Chellis, of Chellis Silva Associates.

The New England Gerontological Association's Conference goal was to describe workable and practical paradigms of retirement housing with services; examine emerging demands for more affordable, active, challenging retirements; emphasize flexible housing with creative options for working, volunteering, teaching, and learning; elaborate on models that offer enriched environments which are physically and financially secure; and showcase the college campus retirement community model.

The theme of the conference was innovation. Speakers focused on what the current market wants and what the next generation of retirees will be looking for. "Lasell College has set the pace," said Bob Chellis, "and the conference highlighted how progressive the decision to build the Village was."

Instructor Kent Miller Offers Drama Courses to Full House

FOR A COMMITTED ACTOR AND DIRECTOR, WHOSE FAVORITE SUBJECT IS theater and the arts — teaching Lasell Village elders is bliss, true bliss, says Kent Miller, the tall, soft-spoken instructor of drama at Lasell.



Village drama instructor, Kent Miller

For one thing, he attracts a full house each time he stands in front of a classroom to offer knowledgeable discourse on the highs and lows of theater, film, and the art and craft of criticism.

A recent course he designed for the Villagers was so oversubscribed that it required the creation of two separate sections of 20 seniors each to accommodate their interest and participation.

Clearly, Kent Miller is an instructor in demand. But the reward for the affable Miller has little to do with ego and everything to do with the pure sense of satisfaction he experiences when he launches into his beloved subject matter with students who share his enthusiasm for all things crafted for the performance stage. "I'm so pleased to be part of the mosaic here," he says. "I've been teaching Villagers for more than two years, offering classes even before the Village officially opened, as part of the Learning and Retirement program," Miller explains.

"It has been great fun and wonderfully rewarding for me," he says. "This population is a generation that went to plays a lot. Their take on theater is different from other generations. Many grew up with it and many saw some of the great performances we still talk about today: John Gielgud, Laurence Olivier, Richard Burton. They have experienced the magic."

As a result, Miller says, working with Lasell Villagers often takes on a whole other dynamic than working with traditional-aged undergraduates, whose frame of reference tends to

be MTV and rock concerts. "In teaching you need to find the metaphor that relates to the generation you are instructing. In this case, many of my students are way ahead of me."

"This has been such an experience for me, such fun, that it's hard to imagine that I ever worried about what I had to change in terms of presentation and content for an older population," Miller explains. "Actually, I find myself adjusting more to the undergraduates than to the Villagers, because the Villagers already have an appreciation for theater — so I don't have to create that."

"One of the exciting things we did," Miller continues, "was to mimic a production team. I wanted to illustrate that theater is one of the most communal of activities, people come together to share a vision and work toward it. We sat around reading and working on our source document — the script, which happened to be Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' — and we talked about what our production should look and sound like, and why."

Miller gave his students different responsibilities in building the mock production. Some were in charge of music, others of special effects, and so on. Finally, teacher and students went on a field trip to see the Boston Common production of "The Tempest." Miller's students got to see how their concept differed from the professional production. "In terms of appreciating how theater comes together conceptionally, the exercise was really valuable," he maintains.

Does he find any surprises in teaching an elderly population? Miller reflects a moment and says, "They are so smart; so engaged. I'm surprised at the tremendous reserves of energy they

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Lasell Village Unveils New Web Site

RESIDENTS OF LASELL VILLAGE, THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND THOSE FROM all around the country and the world who are interested in getting more information about the success of Lasell's first-of-its-kind educational continuing care retirement community, now can access news and visuals through a redesigned Web site at <http://www.lasellvillage.com>.

The site is designed to provide a comprehensive look at all the Village has to offer, from its events and academic programs (residents are required to fulfill a 450-hours-a-year learning requirement under the supervision of the Village's full-time academic dean) to amenities and services, including state-of-the-art nursing and rehabilitative care at Lasell House, the facility's 44-bed nursing home.

The Web features profiles and photographs of Villagers and will be expanding its section on residents within the coming months. News stories and special events notices are also posted regularly.



Villagers Take Active Role on Campus

MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF LASELL VILLAGE ARE FINDING NEW and creative ways to redefine themselves as members of the community-at-large. Making full use of all the resources that Lasell College and Village have to offer, they are sharing their talents and expertise in useful and productive ways. The following are a few examples:

When Mrs. Ann Silverstein first arrived at the Village in August of 2000, she went over to the Holway Child Study Center and introduced herself to director Kathi Rudnicki. Hailing from Richmond, VA, Mrs. Silverstein wanted to familiarize herself with her new surroundings and because of her long involvement with the field of early childhood education, she was particularly interested in the goings-on at both The Barn and Rockwell.

Before settling in Richmond, VA, Mrs. Silverstein worked in Charleston and Chicago. Her experience includes working in a Richmond settlement house for 10 years as well as teaching children in a state-operated hospital.

Even after retiring, Mrs. Silverstein has kept in touch with the education field and clearly Kathi Rudnicki was impressed by her qualifications. When a teacher who worked with the five-year-olds at Rockwell unexpectedly had to relocate, Kathi contacted Mrs. Silverstein to see if she would fill in for the months of March, April, and May.

"It was unexpected but very nice. I found it to be a challenge and was very stimulating," says Mrs. Silverstein.

Dr. Milton Landowne became involved and spearheaded others to join him in the second annual Charles River Earth Day Clean-up on April 21, 2001.

Long interested in the environment, "I wanted the other residents to appreciate how close we live to the river," Dr. Landowne explained. "I saw this as an opportunity for Villagers, students, and Newton residents to interact and work together in an informal way. In this cooperation we could encourage the recognition and conservation of the beauty and value of this natural resource."

The Lasell contingent met at the College's boathouse and proceeded upstream to clean up the park, woodlands and shore and help restore and rehabilitate the Charles.

Twenty five years ago, Mervin Gray was aware of the effects stress was having on his life and became interested in exploring the mind/body connection. In 1974, he read an article by Dr. Herbert Benson (now head of Beth Israel Deaconess' stress management program) in the Harvard Business Review that addressed the topic of dealing with corporate stress and Mr. Gray decided to invite Dr. Benson to talk at his temple.

This proved to be a turning point for Mr. Gray. "It seemed a simple process, so I started to meditate twice a day, and it has been both helpful and beneficial to my life," he says. "The relaxation response has had a physiological impact on my body as well," he continues.

At the Village, Mr. Gray leads a meditation session on Fridays and usually has 10 to 12 participants. "I thought it would be an interesting undertaking and it only takes about two minutes

to learn the process." Mr. Gray was ahead of his time when he first began to meditate, and now interested Villagers are the beneficiaries of his experience.

"Elders do better by keeping active," says Villager Truman Light, who holds a Ph.D. in chemistry, and he is certainly a man who manages to keep busy. Last fall if he wasn't spotted swimming laps in the Village pool, he might have been found in the Wass Science Building teaching the recitation section of Associate Professor Kim Farah's chemistry class.

"One of the reasons we decided to live at Lasell Village was its educational philosophy," Dr. Light says. "When we arrived at the Village, I picked up the college catalog to see what the chemistry offerings were and after we got settled I wandered over and talked to Joanna Kosakowski, chair of the Math/Science Department. She told me that Kim needed someone to cover her recitation section and after some discussion, I was hired."



Village resident Rosalind Meshekow attends class.

Although Dr. Light is currently not seeing his students in a classroom setting, he still runs into them. "While eating in the Village dining room I was surprised to hear the waiter saying hello to me and suddenly realized he was one of my students and now, when I swim, I'm being watched over by a lifeguard who was in my class."

This September, Isabelle Rubin LaBelle held a signing for her recently published book of memoirs, *While I Am in This Life*. The book is composed of 39 selected vignettes, arranged by themes.

Ms. LaBelle's creative talents are not confined to writing. An accomplished and passionate photographer, the walls of her apartment are filled with beautiful photographs of her world travels, including Nepal, India, New Zealand, South America and Europe. At a one-person show in Cambridge, a woman was heard to say, "Looking at these pictures makes me want to go there." Her friend replied, "Looking at these pictures, I feel I've been."

Trained in psychoanalysis at the Westchester Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, Ms. LaBelle is in private practice as a psychotherapist in Newton, Massachusetts.



Clean-up on Earth Day, down by the Riverside.

At 82, Rosalind Meshekow has decided to pursue her Bachelor of Arts degree at Lasell College. "I've only had one year of college," she explains, "but I'm always eager to learn and now that I'm at the Village and in an academic setting, it seems like an opportune time to continue my studies."

Mrs. Meshekow began her college career at Fordham University in New York City. After completing her freshman year, she moved to Florida. At that time she became interested in and conducted an independent study of the mind/body connection. "I was drawn to the subject and continue to buy more and more books about it," she explains.

Since she became a village resident, "Dean Paula Panchuck has been acting as my advisor. Last semester I took a sociology course in Choices in Relationships and a course in Modern Drama. I thoroughly enjoyed the well taught classes, and the intergenerational interchange, but, admittedly, felt weighted down by the reading load."

Mrs. Meshekow has now been accepted as a matriculated student and she will be taking a computer and a writing course this semester. "I don't know how long it will take me to receive my degree, but everyone at both the College and the Village is very supportive."

Clearly, Lasell Villagers are a group that is on the go, enjoying life and making every minute count. ■

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have, they lack nothing compared to their young counterparts.

Next on the agenda, "I've planned some George Bernard Shaw presented as staged readings by enrolled Villagers for anyone who wants to come hear. And film classes, of course, that run the gamut from classic comedy to classic Westerns," says the Chicago-born transplanted Californian, who holds a master's in Fine Arts from California State University at Long Beach.

"How grateful I am to Paula Panchuck," Lasell Village's Academic Dean, "for giving me the opportunity to do this," he says. "I so appreciate having something of value to offer to this remarkable group of people." ■

JANE HUPMAN PRESTON '31 INCREASES HER GENEROSITY TO LASELL BY RELINQUISHING HER GIFT ANNUITY INCOME

LASELL HAS BEEN BLESSED with alumni who are dedicated to the growth and well being of the College and Jane Hupman Preston '31 is among those at the top of this list. Her interests are many, but she has been particularly involved in alternative medicine and nutrition, women's health, and environmental issues.

Involvement with education also falls under her mantle, and she established two charitable gift annuities at the College, one in 1994 and the second in 1995. At that time, she received a tax deduction for her charitable gifts and the annuities were to pay her a life-long income. Mrs. Preston has now taken her generosity to Lasell one step further by relinquishing her income interest in both gift annuities and having these funds revert back to the College. Not only does Lasell benefit from receiving this money, but Mrs. Preston will also receive an additional charitable deduction on her federal income taxes this year.

"I found that my income had increased and I no longer needed Lasell's quarterly check," Mrs. Preston explained about her decision to re-gift Lasell. "Furthermore, I knew the College could use it. Anyway, I do my own income taxes and keeping track of one more item was a nuisance, so I'm also doing myself a favor," she laughed.

Mrs. Preston has watched the changes at Lasell and has not only given her vote of confidence fiscally, but also speaks highly of the College leadership of President de Witt. "I'm interested to hear about all the changes that have happened and are happening. Tom de Witt is a wonderful president. Not everyone could do what he has done. Lasell's future is in good hands."

As she talked about some of her recent projects, it was clear that Mrs. Preston is very proud of the completion of the Frank W. Preston Environmental Center in Butler, PA which was named for her husband, the founder of Preston Laboratories. "My present project is to help bring our local public library into the 21st century."

Mrs. Preston, who approaches her 90th birthday this November, remains deeply involved and excited about the various aspects of her life.

Her relinquishment of her gift annuity income will push the College that much closer to its future fiscal goals. "There may be others who are in the same position as I am," she says, hoping to serve as an example. "I trust Lasell will continue to grow from success to success."

Cathy Black Takes Over Planned Giving Program

I AM THRILLED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MANAGE LASELL'S Planned Giving program and the Heritage Society. Planned giving is a wonderful way to support one's alma mater or other favorite charity, and my hope is to reach out to as many of you as possible to share my knowledge of this creative philanthropic tool.



Cathy Black to head up Lasell's Planned Giving Program

For the last two-and-a-half years in the Institutional Advancement Office of the College, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of Lasell's alumni and friends during my travels to different parts of the country. I have met a wonderfully varied group of exceptional individuals and the support and love they have shown for Lasell has been so gratifying to me.

I plan to continue to "spread the word" about an institution for which I hold so much admiration and enthusiasm. And I will also be promoting the wonderful concepts of planned giving — helping alumni discover and utilize the many ways in which giving back to their alma mater can also bring the happy return of substantial tax and estate benefits.

Any suggestions you may have to help me get the message out about the satisfaction that comes from prudent, generous philanthropy on the College's behalf are welcome!

I look forward to meeting many more of you — our dedicated and loyal alumni and friends — in the years to come, and invite you to call me if you have any questions, at 617-243-2223.

Sincerely,

Cathy Black

Kathy Urner Moving on after Successful Tenure

IN 1983, I GRADUATED FROM LASELL COLLEGE AND WENT FORTH TO MAKE MY mark in the world. Life being a series of circular events, I found myself back at Lasell in 1994 as director of Gift Planning for the College's young development program. And now, 6 1/2 years later, I feel as though I am again graduating from Lasell — this time, with an advanced degree in fundraising. How much I have learned with your help and the guidance and friendship of so many members of the Lasell Family!

Like any new graduate, I leave Lasell with both a sense of trepidation and excitement. Bay Path College, a small women's college in Longmeadow,



Displaying her gift of appreciation and her winning smile, Kathy Urner "graduates" from Lasell.

Massachusetts, has offered me a unique challenge: I will assume the position of vice president of Institutional Advancement there in September.

As for you and Lasell's Planned Giving Program, I am leaving both in excellent hands. My colleague and friend Catherine Black has been working diligently at Lasell since 1999 as a major and planned gifts officer. She was formerly a planned giving officer at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and she welcomes (and richly deserves) the opportunity to run Lasell's Planned Giving Program, including the Heritage Society. Throw your toughest gift planning questions at her; she will hit homeruns for both you and Lasell every time!

Sincerely,
Kathy Urner

Message from the Director of Annual Giving

LASELL TRUSTEES' 100% LEADS THE WAY TO 10TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF ANNUAL FUND INCREASES!

AS THE ICING ON LASELL'S 150TH BIRTHDAY CAKE, THE LASELL COLLEGE Annual Fund recorded its 10th consecutive year of record-breaking increases, bringing in \$563,890 in unrestricted dollars. This success means that Lasell has an additional amount of nearly \$34,000 over its goal of \$530,000 to help support academic and athletic programs, campus maintenance, library resources and student financial aid.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the Lasell College Board of Trustees for setting a wonderful example with 100% participation in the Fund. In fact, all of the volunteer board members who give so much time as Overseers, Corporators and members of the Alumni Board of



Director of Annual Giving Noni Linton

Management are also to be congratulated for their strong leadership with 92%, 100% and 100% participation respectively. And thank you, also, to the many alumni, parents and friends of Lasell who helped reach this year's extraordinary total.

We've said, many times, how important the percent of participation is to the future of the College. As a result of strong participation for the past several years, Lasell was able to successfully approach the prestigious Kresge Foundation for a grant to renovate Winslow Hall. The "new" Winslow Academic Center is now a vital center of energy on the campus with its state-of-the-art classrooms and beautifully restored ballroom and stage, thanks to the generous Kresge challenge grant of \$400,000 and the more than \$1.5 million raised in response to the challenge.

Everyone who participates in the Lasell Annual Fund with a gift of any size helps the College by boosting the total and participation. Roughly 100 donors equates to 1% in participation so, in order to increase participation even one percent, we must increase this year's donor count from 2,669 donors to nearly 2,800 donors. Each year, Lasell applies for foundation grants from many sources to support major projects. Like the Kresge Foundation, these

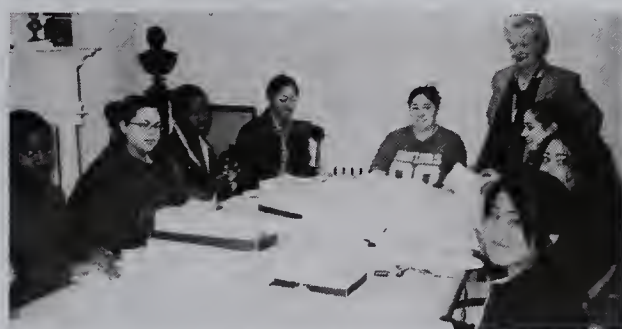
foundations weigh many factors in considering our proposals, one of them being participation from alumni, parents and friends in the institution's annual giving program.

With a very successful capital campaign behind us, we must focus on building a stronger Annual Fund to assure Lasell's continued growth. Each \$50,000 raised through annual unrestricted gifts equals the yield from approximately \$5,000,000 in endowment. Since Lasell is not yet blessed with a large endowment, Annual Fund dollars are especially important to the College.

In the fall, we will be sending letters requesting the support of alumni, parents and friends of Lasell for the 2001-2002 year. We will also be organizing our student Annual Fund Phonathon program. I hope you will respond as generously as you are able when you are asked to support Lasell. This is truly a College worthy of your support.

Noni Linton

Noni Linton
Director of Annual Giving

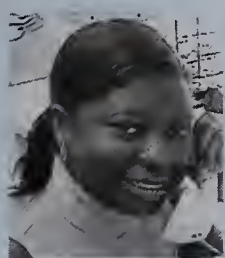


Students' helping hands make alumni mailings possible.

Phonathon Captain Finds Satisfaction in Job

A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2002, SHELBY DERISSAINT IS A veteran when it comes to Phonathons. This is her fourth year as a caller.

"I got involved after I discovered the caller opportunity at a job fair on campus," says



Shelby Derissaint

Shelby, who serves as this year's Phonathon Captain. "I had experience doing telemarketing before," she explains. She worked for the SPES Foundation (Supplemental Program of Educational Skills), where she called big donor companies and solicited dona-

tions for the inner city youth program.

"I learned there that students can have as much influence as adults because people are

impressed to hear from students who actually benefit from their financial contributions to the organization," says Shelby. "Through the calling program at Lasell, I realized that young people can affect their own destiny."

Her commitment to the Phonathon grows out of the satisfaction that Shelby has experienced during her tenure in the program, she maintains. "The more you are connected with your school, through its activities and its people, the more you get out of the experience," she says. Assistant Director of the Annual Fund, Lee Goldstein, describes Shelby as "a real asset." She

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Lee Goldstein Joins Annual Fund Staff

CALLING HER A "BRIGHT SPARK for the Annual Fund and Phonathon calling program," Noni Linton, director of the Annual Fund, welcomed Lee Goldstein, Lasell's new assistant director of Annual Giving, to the Institutional Advancement staff.



Lee Goldstein

Lee, who graduated from Brandeis University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in May 2001, comes to her new position at the College with a substantial amount of frontline

experience as a caller and fundraiser. "I'm grateful to Brandeis for the four years of training and experience Lee garnered there before joining us," Noni Linton teased.

A resident of Norwood, Massachusetts, Lee graduated with a major in Sociology and a minor in Anthropology. During her years as a student at Brandeis, Lee amassed an impressive track record in fundraising, serving as a student caller for three years, and as Senior Representative/Coordinator for the University's Alumni Annual Fund for one year.

"I am really pleased to join Lasell," said Lee. "I am impressed with the history and accomplishments of the College, and I am delighted to be working with students who will be calling alumni and sharing their exciting perspectives of Lasell with them. For many alumni, these student callers provide the best exposure to their alma mater and serve as one of the only contacts they have to the College in an ongoing way.

"For the students, the calling experience offers a good networking opportunity as well as a powerful way to strengthen their communication skills," Lee continues.

"I love working with students, and this job, which involves recruiting callers, training them and supervising their work, is ideal for that. I am only a year older than some of our student callers, and because I've done it, I can relate well to our students and help them make the most of their experience.

Last year, Lasell's Annual Fund broke its record by raising nearly \$564,000, a sum that was subsidized in great measure by the Phonathon program. "This year's goal is \$580,000," says Lee who, with her new recruits, stands ready to meet the challenge. ☛

Message from the Athletic Director

THE LASELL COLLEGE ATHLETIC program is entering the new century as a strong and respected competitor. Across the board, all of the teams are competitive and are posting winning records.



Director of Athletics,
Kristy Walter

The student-athletes, 150 of them, are also leading the way on the academic front. Seventy-five of the student-athletes were named to the Student-Athlete Honor Roll for the spring semester and the overall student-athlete GPA is 3.0. This academic achievement is an important part of the Division III philosophy, which stresses the importance of balancing academics and athletics. Lasell athletics strives to uphold this philosophy by emphasizing the importance of maintaining high academic standards. The athletic department communicates and works closely with the faculty throughout the College to ensure that the student-athletes are meeting all academic requirements to the best of their ability. Many of the student-athletes are also members of the newly established Academic Honors Program.

The Division III philosophy also stresses the importance of establishing an environment in which athletically-related activities are conducted as an integral part of the educational experience. At Lasell College, athletics are important, but student-athletes are also encouraged to become active members of the Lasell community and to experience all that college life has to offer. Many of our student-athletes hold leadership positions on campus in areas of student government, residence life, the judicial board, orientation and campus activities.

Being a student-athlete at the Division III level requires dedication, strong time management skills and commitment. Lasell College student-athletes embody the Division III philosophy — competing at a high level while maintaining high academic standards and experiencing college life to its fullest. The Athletic department strives to create an environment in which athletics complements the overall educational experience for the student-athletes. It is the goal of the athletic department to foster well-rounded individuals who are as successful in the classroom as on the field.

Our student-athletes achieve that goal. They make us proud.

Sincerely,

Kristy Walter
Director of Athletics

The Student Athlete Advisory Council, an Active Campus Force

MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH VARSITY TEAM, THE STUDENT Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) meets weekly throughout the year to address issues regarding the well-being of student athletes at Lasell College.

This busy group strives to promote student-athletes both on and off campus and they are a voice from the student-athletes to the administration. They also actively encourage student-athlete involvement in campus and community outreach activities.

The 2000-2001 year was very productive for SAAC, as policies were created, issues were discussed and community service projects were carried out. With SAAC's help, two major policies were implemented this year. The first is a two-sport athlete policy. After discussing ideas surrounding this issue, a written policy concerning athletes participation in two or more overlapping sports was developed which protects the athlete's time and gives priority to the in-season sport. The second policy that SAAC participated in was an academic attendance policy in which an excused absence from class includes student-athletes representing the college in a varsity contest.

The members of the 2000-2001 SAAC organized a can drive for the Boston Food Pantry in December. They conducted a campus-wide publicity campaign, then collected cans and donations for the food pantry and presented their yield during half time at a basketball home game.

SAAC also worked to improve communication with all populations of the Lasell Community including Lasell Village. The residents of Lasell Village were invited to home contests and the SAAC representatives visited the Village to introduce the residents to Lasell College Athletics.

This year, SAAC will continue working to provide the best experience for the student-athletes at Lasell College. The group is planning to host seminars on sportsmanship, drug/alcohol education, nutritional information and time management. SAAC will also continue to improve communication and to promote Lasell College Athletics on and off campus. 🏆

National Girls and Women in Sports Day Celebrated at Lasell College

HOSTED BY FACULTY AND STUDENTS FROM LASELL'S ATHLETICS PROGRAM, 45 Girl Scouts arrived on campus for the annual Sports Overnight in honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The Girl Scouts, all from the Boston area, participated in five different sports clinics, slept in the gymnasium, ate in the cafeteria, saw an inspirational sports movie, and got to meet many female athletes.

The clinics, organized by Lasell's varsity teams, included softball, basketball, field hockey, soccer and lacrosse. For some of the girls, it was the first time they had a lacrosse stick in their hands. "The event is a great way to expose the young girls to sports and competition," says Athletic Director Kristy Walter. On Saturday, the Girl Scouts were treated to an exciting women's basketball game which Lasell won 60-58 over conference rival Maine Maritime. 🏆



With lacrosse sticks in their hands, these young Girl Scouts are ready to play.

TWO NEW COACHES APPOINTED FOR THE 2001-2002 SEASON

Scott Abbotts has been named head men's volleyball coach. Scott graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, MA in 1995 with a B.A. in Construction Management. While at Wentworth he played volleyball on the men's team and was also the assistant volunteer coach for the women's team. When not at Lasell, Scott uses his construction management expertise by working on Boston's Big Dig.

Larry Sullivan will be Lasell's new cross-

country coach. Larry received both his bachelor's and his master's in education from Boston College. He is a teacher in the special education system at Watertown High School, Watertown, MA where he works with students with learning behavior issues. He has also been the cross-country coach there for 14 years and has been setting an example for all by qualifying for six Boston marathons. His personal best time is 2:39 — something for all his students to shoot for. 🏆

Spring Sports 2001 Season in Review

SOFTBALL

OVERALL RECORD: 16-21

CONFERENCE RECORD: 10-4



Spring 2001's successful softball team.

This was the softball team's most successful season yet. They made it through the semi-finals of the conference championship by beating Mt. Ida 11-7, but were defeated in the finals by Becker College by a score of 8-6. Three players were named to the All-Tournament Team: Kristy Goicoechea '01, Sonja Landry '04, and Britney Falite '03.

At the end of the season, several players received recognition. Britney Falite was named NAC Player of the Year. She led the team in several categories, including batting average (.557), home runs (5), triples (5), hits (44), and RBI's (41).

Freshman pitcher Sonja Landry was named Rookie of the Year for Lasell. She hit .457 for the year with eight doubles, two home runs, four triples and 36 runs scored. On the mound she earned a 5.49 ERA while going 4-5 overall. Other offensive stand-outs include sophomores Wendi DeFilippo (.441 average, Player of the Week), Tania McGrath (.398 average), Christina Strandson (.393 average), and Meredith Brady (.320, 8 doubles).

Behind the plate, Tania McGrath '03 led the team with 67 strikeouts and seven wins. Sonja Landry '04 and Jennifer Stanley '03 also pitched well this spring with four and five wins respectively.

With so many returning players, the 2002 season is expected to be exciting.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

OVERALL RECORD: 2-8

This was the inaugural season for women's lacrosse at Lasell and the team had a strong finish,

defeating Worcester State and Salem State. Head coach Kristin Neary and assistant coach Janice Hopper were very pleased with the team's effort.

Leading scorer for the women was Katie Parker '03, followed by Lindsey Klier '04 and Nicole Hart '04. Parker was also named NEWLA Player of the Week honorable mention. Strong defense throughout the year was provided by Andrea Kimball '04, Siobhan Smith '01, and Stephanie Martin '04.

Newcomers Asheley Bardin '04 and Myya Beck '03 also made an impact on the team with their athleticism. Between the pipes, goalkeeper Beth Anne Hornak '04 had over 13 saves a game and was instrumental in organizing the defense.

MEN'S LACROSSE

OVERALL RECORD: 4-6

It was a long and hard spring for the men's lacrosse team but they ended on a high note, winning four out of their last five games. They also



An enthusiastic student shows his school spirit as he cheers on the men's lacrosse team.

had three very tight games which they lost by only one goal and, unfortunately, had three games cancelled due to weather.

Offensive standouts included Jeff Bradford '02 who netted 27 goals and 17 assists, Mike Norton '03 who had 17 goals and 14 assists, and Mark Marquart '03

who had 18 goals and eight assists. Alex Ehegartner '03 and Dave McInnis '02 both finished the season with over 20 points.

In the net, Paul Lively '02 had a .758 save percentage and played the majority of the games for the Lasers, stopping 125 shots.

Beginning in 2002, men's lacrosse will be competing in the Pilgrim League. Since the team had no senior members, the outlook for next year's season is bright. ♣

puter workstations, to train student designers in technical patterning and drafting.

"We see this partnership as a clear win-win situation," says Gene Barber, Investronica Systems USA sales manager for the East Coast. "Students will have the opportunity to get hands-on experience with software that is an industry leader," says Barber, who describes the software as Windows-based and icon-driven. "We're not simply making a donation and leaving it at that. We intend to support it and nurture what I consider to be a unique relationship between business and academia."

Investronica Systems belongs to the Induyco Group, one of the largest apparel companies in Europe. Its 1998 production capacity was in excess of 12,500,000 garments. ♣

STUDENT-ATHLETE HONOR ROLL SPRING 2001

Shana Anctil
Tanya Barbosa*
Matt Beaupre
Jillian Benson
Diana Bourbeau
Michael Carr
Tania Cirino
Dan Costa
Wendi DeFilippo
Megan DesRochers
Jinette Dumont
Alex Ehegartner
Terri Ferrante*
Sean Frayler
Mark Henry*
Beth Anne Hornak*
Janet Jennings
Mike Jones*
Andrea Kimball*
Bob Langevin*
Sonya Landry*
Heidi Lewis
Diana Maiato*
James Martin
Jay McDonald
Dave McInnis
Massielle Morales*
Mike Norton
Nuno Olivera
Alexis Parker
Kristina Peros
Reggie Rabel
Jaime Sears
Nicole Spaulding*
James Smith*
Jenn Stanley
Christina Strandson
Keri Tucker*
Stephanie Williams
Lindsay Wright*
*first-year student

Asheley Bardin*
Carla Bascope
Myya Beck
Stephanie Birch*
Jeffery Bradford
Betsey Chominsky
Michael Connor
Erik Costin
Christine DePari*
Jill Dionne
Danielle Eid*
Britney Falite
Lawens Fevrier
Nicole Hart*
Chris Hickey*
Chris Hufnagel
Vince Johnson
Ryan Kelleher
Lindsay Klier
Lisa Langelier
Joel LeFrancois
Paul Lively
Danielle Marino
Mark Marquart
Tania McGrath
Kristine Mendes*
Ryan Morell*
Dwayne Okantey
Brian O'Neill
Katie Parker
Sarah Quinones
Jordan Scaccia
Monica Sheppard
Brian Smith
Siobhan Smith
Mike Starr
Todd Taylor
J. Vanderwerken
Melissa Wilson

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is enthusiastic and experienced, and other phoners look up to her."

Working in the Institutional Advancement office, talking with alumni, and collaborating with other student callers has allowed me to clarify what I do want in my career. I am much more focused than I used to be, and I certainly have been able to sharpen communication skills," Shelby said.

"I love Lasell," she continues. "I have real pride in the school." Her Lasell-related extracurricular activities demonstrate her commitment to the College.

The former Resident Assistant (last year), and Alumni Board student member, is currently an orientation leader and Judicial Board member. Shelby is a Prelaw, Legal Studies major who is also currently fulfilling a challenging internship at the Boston Rape Crisis Center. "I completed my training and go in on Tuesdays and Thursdays to work with assigned clients and district attorneys. It's pretty exciting. I think it will be difficult work, but want to learn more so that I can help other people," says the Lasell College senior who hopes to become an attorney and women's advocate. ♣

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the country, and putting that experience on their resume to add to their marketability. Additionally, we will have fashion industry leaders come to the campus to participate in up to four software-related seminars as well as an Investronica USA trade show. For Investronica, of course, the alliance provides enhanced visibility, the caché of a firm tie to an educational institution, and obviously, the opportunity to make a contribution to educating new talent in the fashion field."

According to the terms of the agreement, Lasell will use the software system, installed at 11 com-

LASELL COLLEGE ATHLETIC CALENDAR FOR FALL 2001 AND SPRING 2002

Listings that appear in all caps denote home games. Occasionally, due to weather, etc., dates and times may change.

For confirmation, please check with the Athletics Department at 617-243-2147.

FIELD HOCKEY FALL 2001

SEPTEMBER		
6 Thursday	FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
9 Sunday	St. Joseph's (ME)	1:00 p.m.
11 Tuesday	Nichols College	4:00 p.m.
13 Thursday	Salem State College	4:00 p.m.
15 Saturday	Husson College	4:00 p.m.
16 Sunday	Thomas College	1:00 p.m.
19 Wednesday	ELMS COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.
22 Saturday	WNEC*	3:00 p.m.**
24 Monday	Eastern Connecticut State	4:00 p.m.
26 Wednesday	SIMMONS COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.
29 Saturday	Anna Maria College	1:00 p.m.
OCTOBER		
2 Tuesday	Becker College*	4:00 p.m.
6 Saturday	HUSSON COLLEGE	1:00 p.m.
7 Sunday	THOMAS COLLEGE	12:00 p.m.
11 Thursday	REGIS COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
13 Saturday	WHEELOCK COLLEGE*	10:00 a.m.
17 Wednesday	AIC	4:00 p.m.
23 Tuesday	NAC Quarterfinals	TBD
27 Saturday	NAC Semi-finals	TBD
28 Sunday	NAC Finals	TBD
*North Atlantic Conference Game		
**Parents Cookout		

Head Coach: Jessica Cormier (3rd year)
Assistant Coaches: Sarah Palfy (2nd Year) Kelly Sullivan (3rd year)

MEN'S SOCCER FALL 2001

SEPTEMBER		
8 Saturday	BELOIT COLLEGE (Wisconsin)	1:00 p.m.
12 Wednesday	TUFTS UNIVERSITY	4:00 p.m.
15 Saturday	University of S. Maine	2:30 p.m.
17 Monday	Fitchburg State College	7:00 p.m.
27 Thursday	Newbury College	4:00 p.m.
29 Saturday	Clark University*	1:00 p.m.
OCTOBER		
1 Monday	Becker College*	4:00 p.m.
3 Wednesday	SALEM STATE COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
7 Sunday	Maine Maritime Academy*	11:00 a.m.
9 Tuesday	MIT	4:00 p.m.
13 Saturday	SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY	3:30 p.m.
15 Monday	Daniel Webster	3:30 p.m.
19 Friday	Elms College*	3:30 p.m.
21 Sunday	Mt. Ida College*	1:00 p.m.
23 Tuesday	Babson College	3:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
3 Saturday	North Atlantic Semi-finals	TBA
4 Sunday	North Atlantic Championship	TBA
*North Atlantic Conference Match		

Head Coach: Giovanni A. Pacini (4th year)
Assistant Coach: Jeff Hallenback (2nd year)

WOMEN'S SOCCER FALL 2001

SEPTEMBER		
8 Saturday	UMASS DARTMOUTH	4:00 p.m.
10 Monday	UMass Boston	3:30 p.m.
13 Thursday	MT. IDA COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.
16 Sunday	NOTRE DAME COLLEGE	1:00 p.m.
18 Tuesday	FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
25 Tuesday	PINE MANOR COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
27 Thursday	Eastern Nazarene College	3:30 p.m.
29 Saturday	Daniel Webster College	12:00 p.m.
OCTOBER		
1 Monday	BECKER COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.
4 Thursday	Elms College	4:00 p.m.
7 Saturday	Maine Maritime Academy	1:00 p.m.
10 Wednesday	EMERSON COLLEGE	4:00 p.m.
13 Saturday	LESLEY UNIVERSITY*	TBD**
16 Tuesday	BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY	4:00 p.m.
18 Thursday	Mt. Ida College*	3:00 p.m.
20 Saturday	Bay Path College*	2:00 p.m.
24 Wednesday	North Atlantic Conference Quarterfinal	TBA
27 Saturday	North Atlantic Conference Semi-Finals	TBA
28 Sunday	North Atlantic Conference Finals	TBA
*Denotes North Atlantic Conference game		
**Friends & Family Weekend		

Head Coach: David Glidden (1st year)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL FALL 2001

SEPTEMBER		
7 Friday	Johnson & Wales	TBA
8 Saturday	Johnson & Wales	TBA
11 Tuesday	Pine Manor	7:00 p.m.
15 Saturday	TRI-MATCH BAY PATH/NEWBURY	12:00 p.m.
18 Tuesday	MT. IDA	7:00 p.m.
20 Thursday	Regis College	7:00 p.m.
22 Saturday	Babson College	1:00 p.m.
23 Sunday	Becker College*	12:00 p.m.
24 Monday	RIVIER COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
27 Thursday	ANNA MARIA	7:00 p.m.
29 Saturday	Tri-match Wentworth & UMass @ UMass	12:00 p.m.
OCTOBER		
5 Friday	Eastern Connecticut Tourney	TBA
6 Saturday	Eastern Connecticut Tourney	TBA
10 Wednesday	WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
12 Friday	NEWBURY COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
13 Saturday	BECKER COLLEGE*	12:00 p.m.
15 Monday	EMERSON COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
17 Wednesday	LESLEY COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
20 Saturday	Suffolk/Wentworth Tri-match @ Suffolk	12:00 p.m.
23 Tuesday	Simmons College	7:00 p.m.
25 Thursday	Mt. Ida	6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER		
3 Saturday	North Atlantic Conference Tournament	TBD
*North Atlantic Conference Match		

Head Coach: Mary Tom (5th year)
Assistant Coach: Karin Chue (5th year)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2001-2002

NOVEMBER		
18 Sunday	Simmons College	4:00 p.m.
20 Tuesday	Daniel Webster	6:00 p.m.
26 Monday	BECKER COLLEGE*	7:00 p.m.
27 Tuesday	WHEELOCK COLLEGE*	7:00 p.m.
29 Thursday	EASTERN NAZARENE	7:00 p.m.
DECEMBER		
4 Tuesday	Nichols College	6:00 p.m.
6 Thursday	TUFTS UNIVERSITY	7:00 p.m.
8 Saturday	Maine Maritime Academy*	12:00 p.m.
12 Wednesday	CURRY COLLEGE	8:00 p.m.
27 Thursday	Florida Tournament	TBD
28 Friday	Florida Tournament	TBD
JANUARY		
15 Tuesday	Lesley University	7:30 p.m.
17 Thursday	Emerson College	7:00 p.m.
19 Saturday	Manhattanville Tourney	TBD
20 Sunday	Manhattanville Tourney	TBD
22 Tuesday	Mt. Ida College	4:00 p.m.
26 Saturday	BAY PATH COLLEGE*	1:00 p.m.
31 Thursday	LESLEY UNIVERSITY	7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY		
2 Saturday	Elms College	3:00 p.m.
5 Tuesday	Becker College*	6:00 p.m.
7 Thursday	MT. IDA COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
9 Saturday	MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY*	1:00 p.m.
12 Tuesday	ELMS COLLEGE*	6:00 p.m.
14 Thursday	Wheelock College	7:30 p.m.
17 Sunday	Bay Path College	1:00 p.m.
20 Wednesday	NAC Quarterfinal	
23 Saturday	NAC Semi-finals	
24 Sunday	NAC Finals	
*Denotes North Atlantic Conference game		

Head Coach: Daniel W. Hunt

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2001-2002

NOVEMBER		
16 Friday	Emmanuel Tourney (Yeshiva)	8:00 p.m.
17 Saturday	Emmanuel Tourney (Thomas)	TBA
19 Monday	FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
27 Tuesday	Mt. Ida*	4:00 p.m.
30 Friday	Williams Tourney	6:00/8:00
DECEMBER		
1 Saturday	Williams Tourney	TBA
4 Tuesday	Nichols	8:00 p.m.
6 Thursday	Connecticut College	7:00 p.m.
8 Saturday	Maine Maritime*	2:00 p.m.
12 Wednesday	WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE	6:00 p.m.

JANUARY		
15 Tuesday	FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
17 Thursday	Curry College	7:00 p.m.
19 Saturday	Manhattanville	TBA
20 Sunday	Manhattanville	TBA
22 Tuesday	AMHERST COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
24 Thursday	BECKER COLLEGE*	7:00 p.m.
29 Tuesday	Western Connecticut College	7:00 p.m.
31 Thursday	MT. IDA COLLEGE*	4:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY		
2 Saturday	Elms College*	1:00 p.m.
5 Tuesday	Becker College*	8:00 p.m.
7 Thursday	Keene State College	7:30 p.m.
9 Saturday	Newbury College	1:00 p.m.
12 Tuesday	ELMS COLLEGE*	8:00 p.m.
14 Thursday	Bryant College (Division II)	7:00 p.m.
16 Saturday	MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY	3:00 p.m.
20 Wednesday	NAC Quarterfinals	
23 Saturday	NAC Semifinals	
24 Sunday	NAC Finals	

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Head Coach: Chris Harvey (2nd year)
Assistant Coach: Reggie Hobbs (2nd year)

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY 2001

SEPTEMBER		
Saturday	Mass. Maritime Invitational	TBA
14 Friday	Rivier College Invitational	4:00 p.m./ 4:45 p.m.
22 Saturday	Gordon College Invitational	10:45 a.m./ 11:30 a.m.
29 Saturday	Bard College Invitational	12:00 p.m./ 12:45 p.m.

OCTOBER		
6 Saturday	Roger Williams Invitational	11:00 a.m./ 12:00 p.m.
13 Saturday	Regis Invitational	10:00 a.m./ 11:00 a.m.
20 Saturday	Rivier Invitational	10:30 a.m./ 11:15 a.m.
27 Saturday	NAC Championships	

November		
3 Saturday	ECAC Championships	
10 Saturday	New England Division III Regionals	



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